



# Iowa Chapter 5 Newsletter



*International Harvester Collectors*

**July 2024**

## ***Iowa - Chapter 5***

**August 17, 2024  
Meal at 6:00 pm  
with meeting to follow.**

**Janesville Riviera Roose  
Event Center  
307 Maple Street  
Janesville, IA 50647**

**Cost of Meal will be \$20.00  
5 and Under Free**

**Email or call by  
August 7, 2024**

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**For reservations.**

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **August 16-18, 2024** - Chapter 5 State Show in **Cedar Falls, IA**
- **August 31 - Sept 2, 2024** - Featuring IH at **Charles City, IA**
- **November 8-9, 2024** - IHCC National Auction in **White Pine TN**, Hosted by Chapter #9
- **March 6-8, 2025** - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual IHCC Winter Convention in **Fort Worth, TX**
- **June 26-28, 2025** National Red Power Roundup to be held in **Sedalia, MO**, hosted by Chapter 1
- **2025 State Show** will be held in **Marshalltown, IA**
- **June 25-27, 2026** National Red Power Roundup in **Huron, SD** hosted by Chapter 21
- **2026 State Show** in **Central City, IA** at **Brown Family Farm**
- **2027 Red Power Roundup** in **Centerville, MI**
- **2027 State Show** in **Belmond, IA**

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<https://www.harvesterheritage.org/>

## President's Message

I have heard it said that the greatest test of character is how you conduct yourself in the face of adversity. We faced many challenges during our journey to the 35th Annual Red Power Roundup in Spencer last month. First, the heartbreaking news of Denny Hammer's accident. I am sure we all were a bit nervous loading our machines after hearing about it.

Then the realization that we would need to dig deeper for volunteers without the Hammer family present. Then the rains fell....every day or night. Then the tragic flooding in Spencer that effectively ended the show. Flooding that cut the membership off from each other, loss of property, loss of lodging, loss of life. Not once, did I see a member of Chapter 5 lose hope. Everyone asked where they were needed to help, what could they do as carefully made plans were discarded as events changed. Smiles and a cheerful attitude prevailed through everything. Teamwork and determination prevailed. I am so proud of everyone.

The comments about our show were so positive and the members so helpful. We conducted ourselves in the highest caliber and for that I am honored to have worked with each and every one of you. Thank You. We will have a good idea at the Summer meeting how we fared financially. I am certain we will be fine. Because we will make it work!

We will meet in Cedar Falls the 16 -18th of August. Meeting and meal will be at 6PM. Come celebrate the completion of the 35th Roundup and a job well done.

Aaron Wade

## Chapter 5 President



## Red Power Roundup 2024 update:

Roundup 2024 is in the books, what a show it was. Started off really great, with a nice showing of exhibits, a good variety of vendors, inside and out, excellent food vendors, nice tours, and exceptional seminars with a variety of speakers. Two very excellent days with good attendance. Then disaster struck the town of Spencer, with up to 8 ft of water in parts of downtown and south of the river. Hotels evacuated, electrical power lost in a lot of the town including the fairgrounds, which had one building with lights. If you never left the grounds or didn't talk to anyone you couldn't tell anything was wrong since the fairgrounds were not affected by the flooding. We didn't shut down but most everyone left either late Saturday or Sunday. Will have some numbers at the summer show in Cedar Falls. We've had numerous compliments on the show, how great it was, great location, people of Spencer are asking for us to return. I thank everyone that helped from the chapter, those from other chapters, Howard Raymond stayed until Thursday morning the 26<sup>th</sup>, helping people get their exhibits out. Thank you to Aaron Wade and Bob Gihring for all the help getting ready. Pam Olson for all her help with getting forms made, taking care of websites, Facebook and anything I asked of her, it was way more than I can ever list or remember. Marcella Bruns and her mom for all the work they did in the office. Most of all my family for all their support and help without I wouldn't have been able to do what I did. On Monday morning before I left the fairgrounds I asked Stacey and Jerome if they could prepare the food that was for the banquet and serve to the shelters. I knew we wouldn't be able to use it but thought it shouldn't go to waste with so many needing help. Again thanks to everyone that helped make this a Roundup none of us will forget anytime soon.

Jeff Eldred - RPRU 2024 Co-Chair

**Membership Matters:**

Duane and I want to thank everyone that helped with RPRU 2024. Our prayers go out to everyone that has been affected by the flooding.

As of June 29, 2024 we have 469 active members. We currently have 431 members that have paid their dues. If you are current on your membership your label will say 05/25. This will be your last newsletter if you are not current and you will be dropped from Chapter 5 and National on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A renewal form, if needed, is below.

Since January 1, 2024 we have had 71 members join our club. We also had 23 members that have reinstated their memberships. Welcome to all.

We have received word that four of our club members have passed away. They are as follows: Junior Gay from Oskaloosa; Mike Modlin from Minburn; Ardith Smith from Alburnett and Lyle Wolf from Packwood.

If you have an address change or an email change, please let me know. Iowa's database and Nationals database must match in order for you to get your Harvester Highlights. If I can help in any way with your membership questions or concerns, please call or email me.

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**INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS - IOWA CHAPTER #5**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: Make check out to IHC Chapter #5 - **TOTAL \$40.00** (\$20 to National & \$20.00 to State Chapter)

Membership #'s if known: National \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

If you belong to another IH Collector Chapter, please indicate your home chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Address Change: \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Iowa Chapter Membership term is from May 1, to May 1. Dues are payable now to the Iowa Chapter, IH Collectors. Dues are \$40.00 total. Your National renewal will be forwarded to the National Membership Committee by your state chapter. Mail your dues today to:

IH collectors - Membership Chairman:

Karen Reiter, 5402 Norse Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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**VENDORS**



**PEDAL PULL**



**EXHIBITS**





## ***FLOODING - SPENCER, IA***



### **Spencer Flooding:**

I thought I would add a little about the flooding at Spencer for those that were not able to attend the Roundup. Almost everyone has stories to tell. A lot have heard the stories on the news. One very sad item was we lost a fellow IH member from Illinois who was at the show and tried to cross the flooded road and was swept onto the river and drowned, so please say prayers for his family. I have heard that 40% of the homes in Spencer are damaged, 2 elementary schools will probably not be able to be used the entire school year this fall. There were only 2 hotels not affected by water, rest will take 6 months to renovate, 2 gas stations were not damaged in town. Due to locations of most restaurants I don't believe many if any survived not being totally damaged. Last I knew 2 churches and the fairgrounds are being used as shelters, with meetings being held on the fairgrounds to assist the citizens. The north parking lot is being used as dumping site for appliances and other debris. So while some of us were affected by the flood, none of us are going through what the citizens of Spencer are going through, but I imagine some of us have experienced some natural disaster in our past so we can relate to them. Please keep the citizens of Spencer in our prayers for them to have a safe and speedy recovery from this disaster.

Thank you all, Jeff Eldred

### **Merchandise Report:**

Merchandise did excellent at the show, still working on numbers and will have more reports at the summer show. Several items sold out or nearly sold out. I want to thank the excellent helpers at the tables, Jerry Wessels, I think at one time or another all of Craig Wessels Family was helping, Janet Mason, Linelle, Rob, Alex, Mackenzie and even Waverly and Deklin were behind the tables at one time or another. If I have left out anyone, I thank you also. The great job that everyone did wouldn't have been possible without all of you.

Again thank you all, Jeff Eldred

### **Harvester Highlights Update:**

It was announced at the Red Power Roundup in Spencer last month: As of the **August 20<sup>th</sup>** - Deadline Harvester Highlights and mailing of **October 1st**, I will be taking over the Editor Position. I would like to send a big Thank You to Kevin Darst for the many years which Daryl and Kevin dealt with the Editing of the magazine. Kevin and so many others have agreed to help me transition into the position.

If anyone has a articles or stories, photos, ads, and anything else which they would like to have put into the magazine, please feel free to contact me at [polson448@gmail.com](mailto:polson448@gmail.com) until I am able to gain access to the Harvester Highlights email address.

Thank you, Pamela Olson

## Aid to Spencer, Iowa:

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! I've been thinking of ideas to help Spencer. One was a grant but the better idea has been to have the ability to fill the merchandise trailer or an enclosed trailer full of donated necessary supplies (non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, school supplies, etc.). Thinking we could get this in the newsletter to happen at the meeting during the State Show. Obviously, logistics will need to be worked out but this is just an idea to give back to Spencer.

Thank you, Marcella Bruns

## National IHCC Announcement:

The IHCC National Board is doing a fundraiser for Spencer, Iowa. You can visit their website at: <https://nationalihcollectors.com/> to donate today. The donations are being done in memory of IHCC Member, Bill Schulze of Elburn, IL who died in the flood trying to get home.

For those who would prefer to mail a check to support Spencer, IA Flood Relief, checks can be sent to this address. IH Collectors, Inc., 220 E. Grant, West Point, NE 68788

## Red Power Roundup 2024

RPRU 2024 is one in the books. This year was starting off with a bang, lots of people, great Fairgrounds and lots of great exhibits, vendors, Women's workshops, Kid's Pedal Pull, Great food and so much more. Then the rains came, and came and came. I had never been in flooding like that and I hope it never happens again. Richard and I stayed in the Reston Inn and were woke up at 2:00 am on Saturday morning with manager banging on the doors. Water was coming in the front entry. Thankfully we were parked in the back lot and did not have to move our truck. We decided in the morning that we were taking all of our stuff with us to the show, and made our way to the Fairgrounds going east of town (Bridge was flooded), and then found a blacktop to go north until we got to 18<sup>th</sup> Street and went back west to the Fairgrounds. Many of the vendors were packing up and it was decided for safety reasons to shut down the show early. I know we had a number of people that had come a long way to see the show and ended up in Walmart's parking lot and could not get around the flooding. We were so sorry that we had to cancel. Hopefully everyone was able to get home safely and if needed you were able to get back to the Fairgrounds to get your great exhibits. We did hear of one of IHCC member from Illinois that lost his life in the flood waters, Bill Schulze. We pray for his family during this difficult time.

I would like to thank everyone that helped set things up, the Fairgrounds staff that answered all of our various questions, to Howard Raymond for staying at the Fairgrounds helping people that came back for their Exhibits, that was really appreciated. Also Thank You to Jeff Eldred and his family for taking care of the Chapter Table and answering all of my phone calls with questions during and after the show. Without the communication we would have had more confusion without the Board giving me information to get online on Facebook, the Red Power Roundup site and our state website to keep everyone up to date on the issues at hand. Thank you everyone for supporting our show, so many people from all over the world. – Pam Olson





**Newsletter:**

I want to thank you for all of the information sent in for this newsletter.

If anyone has any articles or photos for the newsletter and website, please send them to:

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Contact: Pam Olson – Iowa Subtle Imagery [www.iowasubtleimagery.com](http://www.iowasubtleimagery.com)

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**FOR SALE:** A set of 5 bow red canopy umbrellas that were used when doing tractor rides. No longer needed, stored in basement for 8 years, Dust FREE. Cost \$100.00 you pick up.

Contact: Janice Bellinger

Email: [gmaBellinger@gmail.com](mailto:gmaBellinger@gmail.com)

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Original Wooden Bottom,  
Nice & Clean.

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