

Iowa Chapter 5 Newsletter



International Harvester Collectors

January 2025

Iowa - Chapter 5

January 18, 2025

**Reinig Center
1007 Prospect Drive
Toledo, IA 52342**

**Meal will be at noon with
meeting to follow.**

**Cost of Meal will be \$15.00
Kids 6 to 12 cost \$7.00
5 and Under Free**

**Email or call for reservations by
January 8, 2025**

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Upcoming Events:

- **March 6-8, 2025: IHCC Winter Convention - Fort Worth, TX**
- **June 26-28, 2025: 2025 Red Power Roundup - Sedalia, MO**
- **2025 State Show - Marshalltown, IA**
- **June 25-27, 2026: 2026 Red Power Roundup - Huron, SD**
- **2026 State Show - Central City, IA**

President's Message:

Greetings fellow IH enthusiasts! Another year is almost behind us. A year of challenges, joys and sorrows. As we reflect on 2024, let us remember that we are truly blessed to be living in a country where we are free to do as we choose, celebrate as we wish, travel where we desire. As a club, we hosted a Roundup that was as successful as circumstances would allow. Those who attended had many wonderful comments and accolades. We should be proud of what we accomplished when we worked together. We made enough money to continue our scholarships and youth grants. However, we may need to get creative to replenish our start up capital to host another event in the future. I think that we need to promote our online merchandise sales. With the entire world as a potential customer, this may be a great way to replenish our start-up funds. The board would love to hear your ideas.

Please make plans to attend our meeting in Toledo on January 18th. We will have our annual board election. Four wonderful candidates are running to serve our club. If you cannot attend, please send your ballot to me by January 15th. This meeting will be an opportunity to decide how to handle income from the Roundup. We will also hear the wonderful presentation that John Brown was unable to give at the banquet in Spencer. It will be a wonderful time to congregate with old friends and good food. I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope that the upcoming holiday provides you with an opportunity to celebrate life's blessings with family and friends. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. I know that between my job operating the farm, looking after my aging parents and serving as Roundup Chairman, my time has been divided. Thank you for your support.

- Aaron Wade, Chapter 5 President

This is an article which appeared in the Cascade Pioneer this fall. (I did add some additional photos.)

Bruns recounts Spencer flooding by Mike Putz

Bernard resident Marcella Bruns expected a hectic few days the week of June 17-23. As a board member of Iowa Chapter 5 of Red Power Roundup hosting the national event at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer would mean thousands of International Harvester tractors, participants and spectators.

What she didn't expect was historic flooding that devastated the town and surrounding area, cutting the event short.

Bruns said she and her entire family were in attendance, arriving days ahead of the start of the Roundup.

"We got to the fairgrounds on Monday (June 17th) after staying the previous night about an hour away," she explained. "We got two inches of rain that night and were hearing from people in Spencer they had gotten heavy rain, too. They were already in a flood warning since they were over their flood stage of 10 feet. When we got there Monday, that had risen to between 12-13 feet."

Bruns said the rain continued Monday, with an additional two inches falling that morning and more in the afternoon, sending the Little Sioux River through the downtown district of Spencer.

By the time the water subsided, much of the town of 11,000 had been flooded with an estimated 2,100 structures damaged out of 5,000 in the community. The fairgrounds were safe from flood waters.

It was the downtown, then a mile to the north, then quite a bit south, then the golf course to the west was flooded and it affected us to the east, too. We were stuck. We called ourselves landlocked," she said.

Thursday, the first day of the Roundup, 20,000 people came to view the 13,000 tractors on display. By Friday, the Iowa National Guard was using the fairgrounds to coordinate rescue efforts.

Bruns said campers at the fairgrounds dealt with storms Friday night, with heavy rains and winds topping 60 mph. She said Clay County Emergency Management personnel kept Roundup board members updated.

"They did a really good job," she said. "They told us when travel wasn't advised. They held meetings and

Press conferences to keep everyone updated on water levels. They communicated with us and told us when to cancel the show."

Bruns said a banquet scheduled for Saturday night gave the organization an opportunity to help those affected by the flooding.

"We canceled the banquet and donated 250 meals back to the caterer so they could provide meals for those in shelter. There was a big building that was full of tables and vendors that was turned into a shelter. It was an opportunity to give back and something we could do," she said, noting they weren't alone.

"A lot of other places in Spencer were doing the same thing."

Bruns' grandmother, Nancy Macomber, was there and said they were detoured on their way back home.

"When we left town, the fields looked like lakes," she said. "We had to go north to eventually come south. But once we got on Highway 20, we were fine. It was remarkable they got all those people out safely."



Minutes from Meeting on November 16, 2024 in Vinton, Iowa:

Meeting was called to order at 12:54 PM by Vice President Craig Wessels at the American Legion Hall in Vinton, Iowa. In honor of Veterans Day, all veterans were asked to stand and be honored.

Secretaries report was given by Secretary Rob Eldred. Brian Holdeman motioned to approve the minutes as read, Ray Cook seconded, motion passed.

Karen Franks gave the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance of \$25,328.88; income of \$40.00; expenses of \$1,015.49; account balance \$24,353.39; outstanding checks of \$190.00; with an ending balance of \$24,353.39. Steve Micheals motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Pam Olson seconded, motion passed.

Membership Report by Karen Reiter: We currently have 454 active members, with 6 new members. Will hold onto any 2025 memberships until receive year bars. If you have any address or email changes, please let Karen know so she can keep both the chapters and national membership lists up to date.

Merchandise Report by Jeff Eldred: The show books are in, ended up ordering 200 and have 63 left. Made \$1,639.00 in credit card sales, \$102 from merchandise that Claude has taken from other shows for the club. Got onesies and youth shirts in. Fern Carlson donated items to the chapter to sell.

Scholarships: Not much news, missed the changed deadline for the national trust scholarship. Deadline for next year is **March 31st, 2025**.

Newsletter/Website/Harvester Highlights by Pam Olson: Newsletters were mailed out October 1st, Post Office misplaced about 2 boxes of the newsletters. Deadline for next one is December 5th. Contact Pam to advertise. Next Harvester Highlights will be mailed by or on January 1st, 2025. RPRU website is still up to order merchandise.

4-H Grants: Paul Schaefer had knees replaced with nothing new to report.

National Board: Gary Spina resigned from the board, there are not looking to replace him on this election. Raised \$10,000.00 for Spencer Relief Fund. We currently have \$1,620.00 from donations from tickets for the banquet that was canceled. Ray Cook moved to round up the donations from the club to \$3,000.00 which was seconded by Bob Gihring. Ray then amended his motion to round up to \$2,000.00 after the food from the banquet was added into the total the chapter will donate, seconded by Virginia.

State show at Cedar Falls had a good show with a good display of IH.

Board Election: Have Craig Wessels, Brian Holdeman, Gene Putz and Jeff Eldred on the ballot.

Winter meeting at Toledo at the Reinig Center on January 18th, contact Diane Caloud for reservations. Will have John Brown with his presentation from the Round Up.

Spring meeting possibly at Council Bluffs, anyone with ideas or want to host contact the board.

State show will be at Marshalltown, they will be raffling off an IH 1972 284. Brenda with the Mid-Iowa Antique Power Association will be at the winter meeting with more information and answer any questions. They are looking for any IH shellers they could use during the show.

Central City in 2026 & Belmond in 2027.

Robert Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, Steve Micheals seconded, motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Rob Eldred



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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Merchandise:

Not sure if this will get to everyone before or after but I hope you all have a Merry Holiday season. We have plenty of belt buckles coins, cases, windmills, blankets and a few RPRU shirts left. So I will have them at the meeting. Also I have gotten a few new onsies, toddler and youth shirts in. Going to see if I can get some stocking caps by then also. If you haven't gotten or talked to me about a Show Book, please do so since I am planning on going to the Winter Convention and don't know if there will be any left after that. If anyone is going to the Winter Convention and would be able to help out at the table it would be greatly appreciated. We are still working on the the website for merchandise trying to update it. Several have asked what our margins are on the merchandise, I plan on having figures at the meeting. If at any time anyone needs to get any items just let me know and I will get them to you.

Thank you,

Jeff Eldred - chapter5merch@gmail.com or jeffih61@gmail.com - 641-521-0029

Membership Matters!

We currently have 457 active members. Please look at your label as to when your membership renewal is due. We have had 10 members already renew their membership for 2025. If your label says 2026, you have renewed already. Please continue to send them to me for renewal. Your membership runs from May to May. Please find in the newsletter below, a renewal form if you wish to renew now. Please make sure you keep me up to date on address and email changes. If I can help in any way with your membership please let me know.

We have two new members: Clifford & William McFerren from West Liberty.

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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:

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FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP FORMS GO TO WEBSITE: www.ihccia.net

Candidates for IH Chapter 5 Board

Craig Wessels

Hello, I am Craig Wessels. My wife Stacy and I have 3 kids. I live on a farm near Lamont, IA where I work Ag construction and do some farming with my dad and father-in-law. It's been a busy summer with Kyle graduating high school, Ashley getting married, a RPRU and I was chairman of our summer show. My first show I went to was the RPRU in Waukee back in 1995, then joining the club in the year 2000. I served on the board from 2012 to 2018, serving as club secretary for 4 of those years. Then in 2022 I was re-elected and am currently serving as the vice-president. I am looking for your support to elect me in serving our club for another 3 years.

Thank you, Craig



Brian Holdeman

I am Brian Holdeman from Ankeny, IA. I am married to Lynn Holdeman. We have one daughter Nikki who is expecting with our first grand baby. I have been a member of Chapter 5 since 2006. I was a director for 6 years holding president for 2 years. I was also co-chairman for the 2017 RPRU. I enjoy working with my father-in-law Ray Cook's collection of over 40 Farmalls. I am a union carpenter foreman for 1st Interiors building all kinds of commercial structures in and around Des Moines. I am also very active with different veteran organizations including the Iowa Patriot Guard which I am a ride captain of. I also enjoy camping and working the Nascar track in Kansas City as on track fire and rescue. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the board again.

Thank you, Brian

Jeff Eldred

Hi, everyone, a lot of you know me, for those that don't, I've been a member of Chapter 5 since 2008. I live just northwest of Newton on part of our family farm. I belong to the First United Methodist Church in Newton, and am a past 4-H leader. I belong to the Izaak Walton League in Newton. Have helped my family with the farm, operated a custom haying business and worked full time at various jobs in the agriculture field. Worked as a custodian with the Newton School system, and this last year due to some health issues am now working for the local O'Reillys auto parts in Newton. Growing up with red tractors has made that my real passion. I have served on the board of directors of Chapter 5 for two previous terms going off in January 2024. Was proud to serve as one of the Chairs for our 2024 Roundup, and helping head-up the Merchandise for the Chapter. I would appreciate your vote to serve on the board again.

Thank you, Jeff



Gene Putz

Hello, my name is Gene Putz and I am running for the Chapter 5 board of Directors. I live close to Lacona and I have been working for Hy-Vee in their truck shop in Chariton for 31 years. I farm hay with a little row crop. I have been around IH equipment my entire life and is what I like to use for my farming. I have 15 tractors ranging from a 1940 H to a 1982 3288, I also have 60+ implements that includes 20 plows. I have served 2 terms as a director previously and have helped with the 2017 and 2024 RPRU's that our chapter has hosted. It would be an honor to serve our chapter on the board again and help us grow into the future.

Thank you, Gene

2025 Voting Ballot Vote for 3 Candidates



Jeff Eldred

Gene Putz

Brian Holdeman

Craig Wessels

Write In _____

Write In _____

Remember!! Cut this ballot out so that we have your name on the reverse side of this ballot to be a VALID vote!!

Ballots that are copied will NOT be valid without the name on them.

International Harvester Collectors Club – Chapter 5 Iowa



IHC Chapter #5 - Iowa

For the January 2025 election of Directors there are 4 Candidates for 3 Seats.

You have two (2) ways of voting:

#1 – Mail: Cut out the ballot above and mail by January 12th, 2025 to
Aaron Wade, 745 – 310th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa 50112-8329

#2 Winter Meeting: Cut out the ballot above and bring it to the Winter Meeting on January 18th, 2025 in
Toledo, Iowa.

Remember: You must bring this ballot to the meeting. We will have extra ballots this year due to the issues we have had with the USPS system. But we urge everyone coming to the meeting to bring your ballot, unless you have not received your newsletter but are attending the meeting.

Bios for each candidate are included in this newsletter.

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