



# The IH Red Writer

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Chapter #1  
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## *From Your President.....*

Can you believe it is almost Thanksgiving Day? We had the wettest October on record. Finally, in the last week, most of the crops are about out. Flooding occurred on most of the rivers and creeks. I had a friend whose combine's steering unit went out. He had to work on it at night, in the rain. They got it fixed and moved to high ground as the river was coming up.

The rain caused the cancellation of our plow day. Keith Hartman and others had spent considerable effort and time planning it. I want to thank Keith and his crew for the work. There had been a lot of interest. Maybe we can try again in 2010.

Since the last newsletter, several of our Chapter members have lost family members. JP Hargis' wife passed away. Janet Stegner's father died, in Kansas. Most recent was the passing of Miles Wolfe father. Thoughts and prayers are with each family.

Keith Hartman has asked to give up the job of chapter merchandise manager, at the end of the year. The merchandise material is important for the chapter. It makes a little money and the logoed items are great advertising and PR for the chapter. Anyone interested should contact me.

Our chapter dues are due in January. You can pay them at the December meeting or mail them to Ramona Meservey. Because of increased expenses the National is looking at increasing their dues. I am not sure when the increase will take effect.

I hope you remembered to send in your ballot for the National Directors' election, which was to be postmarked by November 20.

I recently learned that most of the parts books for International and Case tractors are now online, and can be found at [www.caseih.com](http://www.caseih.com), then go to parts. I've tried it. Have to say that it is somewhat slow, but does work.

Want to thank Wendell and Carroll Shuh for the great job they did in hosting our Chapter meeting at their farm. The weather was perfect and as a result there was a large turnout. In addition to Missouri Chapter #1 members, people attended from Illinois, Kansas and Minnesota. The kettle beef catered meal was very good.

Chapter #1 was well represented at the Cub-Arama this year. The weather was great. They had a great turnout. The Cub-Arama seems to get better each year. JP Hargis has a very nice IH museum and gave tours. It is a must see.

Since October 23<sup>rd</sup>, our newsletter editor, Janet Williams, has been recovering from the H1N1 flu and pneumonia. As a result this newsletter is later than usual and somewhat shorter.

Hope to see everyone at our Christmas dinner and meeting in Pilot Grove, on December 5th.

Brenda and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday and a prosperous New Year.

### **August Membership Meeting**

Chapter #1's third quarter meeting was hosted by Wendell and Carroll Shuh, at their farm near Ste. Genevieve,



Missouri. A large turnout enjoyed the day. The farm was easily located by the windmill and IH flag. Everyone got to see Wendell and Carroll's nice tractors and large collection of oil antiques. A wonderful kettle beef dinner was served. In the near-future, a write-up of the gathering will be sent to Chapter #1 email members. It will also be posted on the Chapter webpage. After the kettle beef dinner, Chapter #1 held its membership



meeting. An update on the upcoming National Auction in 2011 was given. The Chapter raffle will be extended into 2010. A representative from Chapter #32 spoke on their plans for holding the 2012 Red Power Roundup, in Du Quoin, Illinois. Keith Hartman reported on the upcoming Chapter plow day. The next membership meeting will be December 5th, at Pilot Grove, Missouri.

### **Directors' Meeting**

There will be a Director's meeting at 10:30AM, December 5<sup>th</sup>, in Pilot Grove.

### **Chapter #1 Membership Meeting**

Chapter #1's Christmas catered dinner and membership meeting will be at the Community Center, in Pilot Grove, Missouri. The meal, provided by the Chapter, will be December 5, 2009, at 12:00 Noon, followed by the membership meeting at 1PM. There will be a gift exchange for people wanting to participate. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, you should bring a man or women's gift. So that we can get an accurate head count, it is asked, that you let one of the Chapter Director's know the number attending. Bring a hearty appetite and plan to enjoy a day with your IH family.

### **Classified Ads**

**For Sale:** Set of IH flat top fenders. Set of steel wheels for F-12 or F-14. 636-285-5228.

**For Sale:** 1948 IH fridge that runs good and has a good handle. Longaberger basket, from the Wisconsin Red Power Round Up (for cost). Call 660-291-8742 in Madison, Missouri.

**Wanted:** All fuel manifold for Farmall A. Miles Wolfe. 660-834-5133.

## Member Profiles

### Mike & Becky Pierce, Madison, MO

Both Mike and Becky grew up in Monroe County Missouri and attended the same rural country church, where they were married on August 31, 1985. Mike and Becky have two children, a daughter named Alaina, who resides in Columbia, MO with her husband Preston Sharp, and a son named Jared, who is attending his second year at Moberly Area Community College this fall.

When it comes to the IH history, you can say it is all in the family. Becky drove her first Farmall when she was 9 years old, which was a 1949 "B" Farmall. Mike and his family have help to restore this classic. Becky's dad bought a new



IH 6 foot belly mower to attach to the tractor and it is still being used today. Mike grew up with 560, 806, and 1066. The 1066 was brought new in 1976 from Macon, MO, and sold in 1987 when the farm was placed into CRP. The tractor had the black stripe and the family has discussed on trying to locate it.

Among their collection of old IH equipment includes, #1 drill, #4 cycle mower, #4 hammermill, and a corn sheller. They have several toy tractors, implements, and just recently purchased a pedal combine, hoping for a grandchild someday to ride it – but no hurry yet. Maybe they can teach Macie, the family dog, to ride the combine. Yes, must mention Macie, the loveable pooch who has attended two RPRUs, the 2009 winter convention, and several old threshers. In keeping with the IH red and white color scheme, Macie sports a red collar.

Mike and Becky also own and operate a family style restaurant in Madison, MO, on Highway 24. Of course, the décor is

tractor related, sporting all colors for the community, with red being a little more evident!

Mike and Becky's favorite part about being an IH family is, no matter where they go, there is always a related story to be heard. They are looking forward to the years to come, meeting and enjoying the company of other IH members, visiting the future RPRU, museums, and other meetings is among their future plans to expand their involvement with the IH family across the nation.

### Kevin J. Hay, Kansas City, MO

This year I checked Sturgis off my 'bucket list.'

I took a little creation of mine to Sturgis: a 'Pedal Tractor Mini Chopper'. I had a blast with it, and wound up on TV. On Saturday afternoon, I had ridden it up to the Full Throttle Saloon. I was hanging out in the parking lot on that fine blue-skied summer day, just checking out the ladies (Tammy), and the bikes, and wound up shootin' the breeze with Al Van Zee, a reporter for KEVN TV, in Rapid City. My name is Kevin so I just had to know... well, the billionaire station owner has a son named Kevin - so KEVN TV it is. Next thing I know Al clipped a mic on me and started filming. The next day, people on Main Street were calling out "I saw that on TV!!" Even as far away as Hot Springs, SD, two different people at a gas station recognized it. Funny, how in Sturgis you'll see ultimate cage fighting, guys with \$50K custom bikes, girls with store bought boobs spray painted to look like a butterfly, and I end up on TV with this. LOL



This evolved out of my love for motorcycles, antique tractors, and toys. A lot of us had a pedal tractor when we were kids. Anything with wheels was great. Then I had to have power: a mini-bike, a go-cart, a 650 BSA. ... and, and, and, and finally, something *different* to ride at Sturgis. Tah-DAH !!

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### Calendar

December 5 Chapter #1 Christmas Meeting, Pilot Grove, MO, Community Center – eat at 12:00 noon, meet at 1:00 pm  
February 25-27 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter National Convention, Grand Rapids, MI, hosted by Chapter #11 Michigan  
June 24-26 21<sup>st</sup> Annual National Red Power Round Up, LaPorte, IN, Hosted by Chapter #33 Northern Indiana

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If you have a “Member Profile” and photo you would like to share with Chapter members, please send to Janet. Please do not send anything that has been presented in another publication.

“Women’s Corner,” or a “Ladies Page,” – Are you truly interested? If so, please send items you would like to share with other members, and I’ll try to get something started.

Newsletters and other pertinent Chapter #1 information can also be found on the website for Missouri Chapter #1, which is <http://www.showmeihc.com>.

Chapter #1’s membership year starts in January. The 2010 dues include both Chapter and National, and the current cost is only \$25 for individual and \$30 for family. Dues can be mailed to Ramona Meservey, Membership Chair, 380 SE Daisy Lane, Trenton, MO 64683-8320, or you may pay them at the December meeting. If you have any questions, contact Ramona, at 660-359-2467 or [rgm@grundyec.net](mailto:rgm@grundyec.net).

