



International Harvester Collectors • Chapter #23

# ALABAMA

Spring 2012

## Randy Bodine Selected as Chapter President

Randy Bodine of Auburn, AL (member #171) will become the second president to hold the office for Chapter #23, succeeding long-serving president Sherman Roberts.

Sherman has served as our first and only president since Chapter #23 received its charter from the national club in 1998. He tried to step down two years ago but was convinced by the directors serving at the time to postpone his decision to give us time to identify a worthy successor. Sherman's last act as president will be to represent the chapter at the Red Power Roundup in Du Quoin, IL, July 19, 20, & 21. Randy will assume the office of president on July 22.

Randy is originally from the Albertville/Guntersville area in Marshall County in north Alabama. His family has been farming the same land there for generations and they are known in the area for their large acreage cotton farming and for being enthusiastic advocates for IH tractors and equipment.

Randy was among five currently serving directors who were nominated to be candidates for president during a nomination period that spanned the months of February and March of this year. 42 nominations were received from the chapter membership at large. The four other directors each declined their nominations, but Randy agreed to serve if elected. Since he was the only director interested in serving as president, he automatically became Sherman's replacement without an election.

Randy is an Agriculture Economics & Business graduate of Auburn University and earned a Masters degree in Agricultural Education also from Auburn. He operates Bodine Landscape Service in the Auburn/Opelika area in east Alabama with his wife Jana.



Randy Bodine (left) and outgoing president Sherman Roberts enjoy a big restored Farmall 1206 at the Florida Chapter state show at Leesburg, FL this past March.

Randy is involved in his community, having served as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce as well as serving his church, Parkway Baptist, as sound technician and active member.

International Harvester Collectors is a family affair for the Bodines. Randy's son Matt, a senior at Auburn High School, is also a chapter #23 member (#311). Randy's brother, Robert (#170) of Guntersville, joined Chapter #23 at the same time as Randy in 2002 and has served as a director and advisor. Robert's son Brad is a member (#270) as is Brad's wife, Jessica, (#301). The final Bodine to join Chapter #23 was Randy and

Robert's mother, Faye (#340). Brad and Jessica have started a family, so we may soon have some new Bodines to add to the chapter roster.

Randy and his family have been valuable and active members of Chapter #23 since joining. They always have impressive IH displays at shows around the state and travel extensively throughout the nation during show season.

A very interesting story on the Bodine family, "An Alabama Farmall Family," was printed in the Summer 2008 issue of our *Super A* newsletter. *Harvester Highlights* picked-up the story for its Oct. 2008 issue. The story can still be found at [alabamaihc.org](http://alabamaihc.org).

# President's Toolbox

by Sherman Roberts

Show season 2012 has started with several good shows. The Buffalo Nickel Ranch in Leesburg, Florida was the site of the Florida IH State Show. This was a chance to see the incredible collection of "Stew" Paquette. One building had over 150 rare and unique IH tractors. Stew has two of "one of a kind" in the Gold Demonstrator tractors made by IH.

We had a good show at the Snead Case-IH dealership of Joe Criswell. Once again the weather turned out better than the forecast had predicted. There were several demonstrations with mule drawn equipment. The hot dogs and ice cream provided were very good. This will be the site of the Alabama IH State Show for 2013. Chapter 23 also had our first meeting for the year. Secretary Clay Nordan brought everyone up to date on membership, finances, and other housekeeping matters. Randy Bodine was congratulated on being our future President. Clay did an outstanding job during the process of selecting our new future President. We all took turns of plugging our shows and inviting tractor collectors to future shows. Russelville Watermelon Festival was mentioned for the IH state Show for 2015. One show that received a special plug was Hackleburg. Everyone was asked to attend this show.

Three years ago we had our IH State Show at Hackleburg. We had 124 tractors at this show which was



**Chapter 23 members who attended the Florida State Show at Stew Paquette's Buffalo Nickel Ranch in March. (L-R) Conrad Bell, Gary Bell, Sherman Roberts, Jane Roberts, Buddy Banks, Stew, Jana Bodine, Randy Bodine, Matt Bodine.**

a great show. Two years ago the show at Hackleburg was rained out. Last year an April 27 a tornado wiped out the town of Hackleburg. This F-4 tornado traveled right up Highway 43 that passes through the Town of Hackleburg. This tornado destroyed everything in its path and was over a half mile wide. We had a good show this year. We parked tractors on streets where whole blocks of buildings were gone. James Anglin was very pleased with the turnout of about 65 tractors. Hackleburg is rebuilding, but it will take time to completely recover.

Our next Chapter 23 meeting will be at the Elmore Show on May 19. Please make plans to attend this show. This promises to be one of the best State Shows we have ever had. Several folks have called and asked about the show. This is also an opportunity for some of our mid-state and south Alabama members to have a show close to home. Help us make this a show for the record book. Remember this is your Chapter 23 and your Alabama IH State Show.

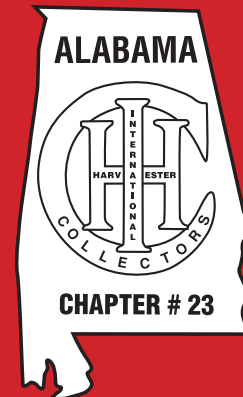
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*Sherman*



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Dwight Vanderford '13  
Joe Criswell '14  
Hal Hoaglin '14  
Sherman Roberts '14

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Preston Jones  
Larry Lemmond

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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23  
International Harvester Collectors  
Directors Meeting at  
Snead CASE/IH Show  
11:00 a.m., April 21, 2012**

<u>8 Directors present</u>	<u>2 Advisors present</u>
Charles Allen	Doys Jones
Conrad Bell	Larry Lemmond
Randy Bodine	
Joe Criswell	<u>1 Visitor present</u>
Hal Hoaglin	Richard Greer
Jimmy Kilgore	
Clay Nordan	
Sherman Roberts	
<u>18 Members present</u>	
Harold Beck	Mary Haga
Gary Bell	Flora Kilgore
Robert Bodine	Keith Manning
Tom Brantley	Noah O'Neal
Buck Brown	J.C. Prater
Thomas Cowart	Terry Stripling
Mike Gallahar	William Stripling
Charlie Grimmitt	Leonard Summerford
Rubin Haga	Derrell Wheeler

The meeting was called to order by president Sherman Roberts and he began the meeting with an invocation.

Following the invocation, Sherman offered some words of remembrance for recently deceased member Bobby Brown of Jasper. He also remembered Garland Dodd who died in early 2011 and Preston Jones, who is recovering from a heart bypass operation.

Clay reported that the chapter bank account currently stands at \$4200 and we have 220 active members with the addition of two new members who joined today. He suggested that we start thinking of some fund raising ideas that could be used during the 2012 show season. Expenses should shrink the chapter account to the \$2000 level by the end of the year.

Sherman then introduced the officers and directors who will lead Chapter #23 this year. He began by introducing Randy Bodine, who will take over as our new president in October. Ray Best will continue to serve as vice-president, as well as Clay Nordan, secretary/treasurer. The new directors whose terms began in January are Joe Criswell, Hal Hoaglin, and Sherman Roberts. They join Randy Bodine, Jimmy Kilgore, Clay Nordan, Charles Allen Conrad Bell, and Dwight Vanderford. Doys Jones, Preston Jones, and Larry Lemmond will automatically serve as advisors this year as a result of their terms as directors expiring at the end of 2011. Sherman also recognized all members in attendance who had served as directors in the past.

Clay explained the process that led to Randy becoming our president-

elect. A nominating period ran from February 1 to March 31 of this year. All members were given the opportunity to nominate a serving director as a candidate for president. A total of 42 nominations were received for Conrad Bell, Randy Bodine, Joe Criswell, Jimmy Kilgore, and Dwight Vanderford. All the nominees were contacted to determine if they were willing to serve if elected. All but Randy declined the nomination, so Randy's agreement to serve was all that was needed to determine that he will be our new president when Sherman steps down in July.

Next on the agenda was a reminder that our State Show will be at Elmore on May 18 & 19. Sherman asked that everyone attend and help make this a show to remember. He reminded those in attendance that the Elmore Fire Department puts on a fine catfish dinner on Friday night for exhibitors.

Next on the agenda was a reminder about this year's Red Power Roundup at Du Quoin, IL, on July 21, 22, and 23. Sherman said that this year's RPRU is probably the closest one to Alabama that we will see for awhile. It's only 50 miles north of Paducah, KY, so it can be driven in about 6 hours from central Alabama.

The next agenda item was an announcement that our State Show for 2013 will be at the site of today's meeting, Joe Criswell's CASE/IH dealership in Snead, AL. Joe was in attendance at today's meeting and thanked everyone for coming today. He said that he is looking forward to the show next year and encouraged everyone to return to Snead and help him make our 2013 State Show a good one.

Sherman then announced that bids for our 2014 show are now open and that we will be accepting them until October of this year. We will vote on a host at our meeting on October 6. Sherman said that he wanted to ask everyone to keep the Russellville show in mind as a candidate to host our 2015 show. There will not be a conflict with the Lawrenceburg, TN show that year and this is one of the best shows that take place in Alabama each year.

Sherman then reminded everyone about the locations for our remaining meetings in 2012. Our second meeting will be at Elmore on May 19. The third meeting will be at Tannehill State Park on July 14 (\$3 state park admission required for those arriving after 7:00 a.m.). Our final meeting of the year will be at the Morgan County Fairgrounds show on October 6.

Sherman then asked that anyone who noticed errors on our published

<b>Financial Report</b>	
Net Assets, March, 2012.....	4741.13
<b>Income</b>	
Dues Collected.....	85.00
Interest.....	15.80
Subtotal.....	100.80
<b>Expenses</b>	
Newsletter .....	556.98
National Dues Paid .....	30.00
National Dues Refund .....	15.00
Subtotal.....	601.98
Net Assets, March 2012 .....	\$4239.95
<b>Current Balances</b>	
Regions Checking .....	212.02
Credit Union Checking.....	23.92
Total Checking.....	235.94
Credit Union Savings .....	4004.01
Total Operating Balance. ....	\$4239.95

show schedules let him know so that he can correct them. He thanked those who have already helped him with these corrections.

Sherman let everyone know that Randy Bodine has some new choices for caps and T-shirts this year and to see him if you need some new chapter apparel. He also is taking orders for specialty items that he has available.

Sherman reminded everyone about the chapter website, [alabamaihcc.org](http://alabamaihcc.org). Clay said that it was up to date and contains lots of color photos of tractor shows from this year and previous years.

Sherman then went around the circle to give anyone who wanted to a chance to plug an upcoming show or event. He mentioned that Hackleburg really needs our support at their show next weekend. Their show last year was cancelled due to the F-5 tornado that destroyed the town on April, 27, 2011.

He also said that he has spoken with Doys and Preston Jones about featuring Cub tractors at the Eva show in September. They would like nothing better than for more Cubs to come to Eva than this year's Cub-a-Rama in Missouri.

Hal Hoaglin, who is a member of the Florida Flywheelers as well as Florida Chapter 27 said that he had it on good authority that a National Winter Convention could be held at Leesburg, FL in the not-too-distant future. He said that he would keep us posted if this comes together.

The last agenda item was to ask for contributions of articles, pictures and technical tips for the newsletter

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Clay Nordan, Sec./Treas.*



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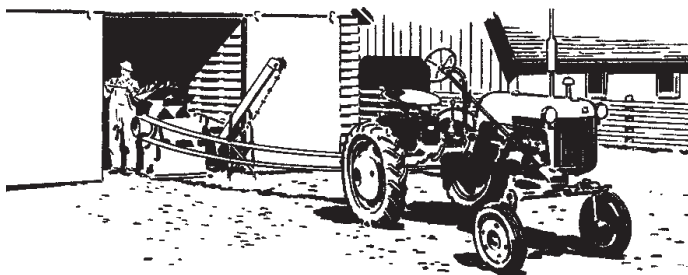


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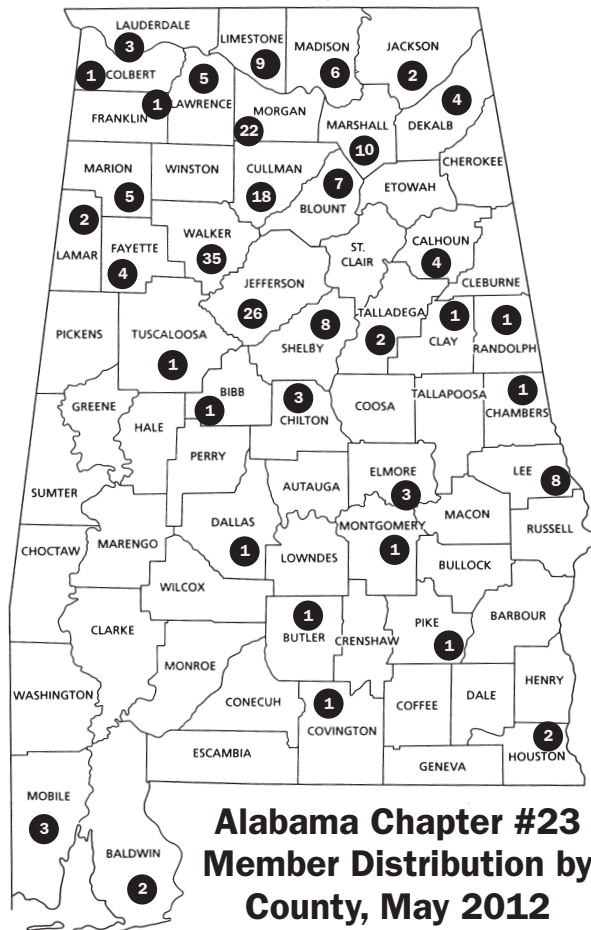
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### Articles & Features

## IH Farm Equipment Training Center: Tifton, Georgia

By Wiley Johnson

The Tifton Farm Equipment Training Center opened in 1961, approximately 15 miles north of Tifton, near the community of Waterloo. The main farm and building were located on approximately 1,300 to 1,400 acres leased from P.D. Fullwood Plant Co. It is located on the west Irwin, east Turner, and north Tift county lines. This included about 450 acres of coastal hay, some 700 acres of open farm land, and some wooded acres. The hay acres were in a government set aside program and could be used for demo, but not for production or harvest for sell. It was headed up by Lamar Hartzog as supervisor, William (Bill) Fessler and Jim Brosnahan as instructors. There were several reasons why South Georgia was chosen — availability of land at a reasonable rent, long season for outdoor activity, and the sandy loam soil. In later years, additional acres were rented from neighboring farmers. The mail came to P.O. Box H, Tifton, Ga. 31794.

The Center's main purpose was to give IH Company sales personnel first-hand experience with both IH and competitive equipment. There is nothing like the satisfaction of "having done it yourself." Plus, you could operate competitive machines.

In the beginning the classes were two weeks long, made up of twelve students from different parts of the USA. As with any group, there was a friendly competition, someone who is a good story teller (joker), and someone to keep score. When students arrived at The Quality Inn, I-75 and Hwy. 82, on Sunday for their two week tour, the first thing asked of them was to hand over their car keys. This was met with some reservation by some, but generally taken in good spirit. That Sunday night at the "orientation" meeting, students were divided into groups, a group captain was picked, and assignments were made. Assignments included ice and water cooler filled each morning, lunch



All photographs in this article were supplied by the Wisconsin Historical Society, and photographed by Angus McDougall.

by noon on Tuesday someone in the group had made a blunder (large or small) and was assigned grill duty. There

**Be sure to read this excellent article in the Spring 2012 issue of Harvester Highlights. It's written by Chapter #23 member Wiley Johnson (#295) of Wetumpka and recounts his experiences as an IHC employee at the Tifton, GA IH Training Center in the 1960's & 1970's.**



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Bobby and Emma Lee Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 22, 2006 at the Jean's on the River show with their Farmall tractor and grandson Cody.

## Bobby Brown

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## 2012 Tractor Show Schedule

**Elmore, AL State Show .....	May 18, 19	Hartselle Depot Days .....	Sept. 15
Point Mallard.....	May 25, 26	Winfield Mule Day.....	Sept. 22
Moulton Courthouse .....	June 2	Eva .....	Sept. 29
Double Springs .....	June 2	Bear Creek.....	Oct. 6
Hanceville .....	June 9	St. Florian (Old Brooks High School).....	Oct. 6
Moulton Tractor Supply .....	June 16	**Morgan County Fairgrounds .....	Oct. 6
Fayetteville, TN.....	June 23	Jean's On the River .....	Oct. 13
**Tannehill State Park .....	July 14	Shelby Iron Works.....	Oct. 13
Speake.....	July 14	Dunlap, TN IH State Show .....	Oct. 19, 20
Red Power Round Up, IL.....	July 19, 20, 21	Jasper Heritage Festival.....	Oct. 20
Boaz .....	July 21	Peinhardt Farm Days.....	Oct. 20
Piney Chapel .....	August 3, 4	Dothan.....	Oct. 27
Russellville.....	August 18	Falkville Festival.....	Oct. 27
Lawrenceburg, TN .....	August 17, 18	Greenville, AL .....	Oct. 27
Fyffe .....	August 25	Jasper Veterans Day .....	Nov. 3
Eagleville, TN (25th Show) .....	Sept. 7, 8	Orrville.....	Nov. 10.
Inman, GA IH State Show .....	Sept. 14, 15		

\*\*Alabama Chapter 23 Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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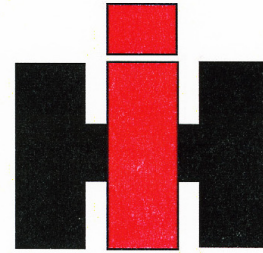
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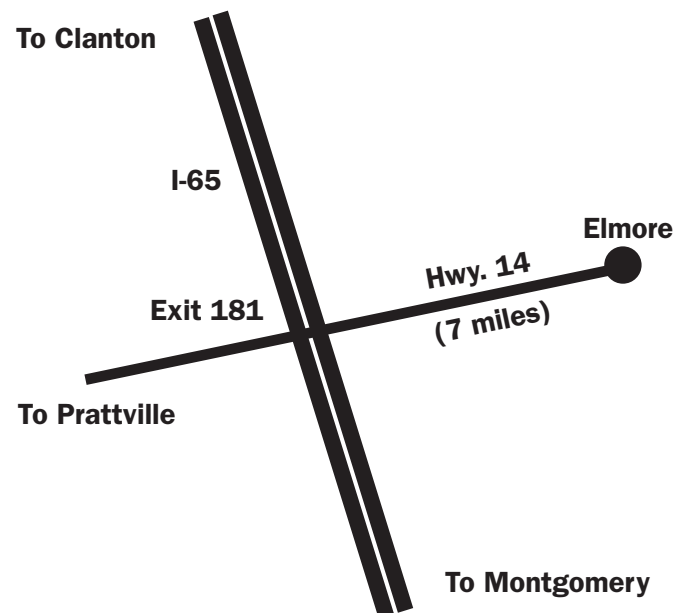
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# 2012 Spring Tractor Shows in Florida



Among Alabama visitors to the Florida Flywheelers Show in February were Chapter #23 members Billy Kilgore (#232), James Anglin (#303), Randy Bodine (#171), spouses, friends, and pets.



Chapter #23 members having a good laugh as they look over Stew Paquette's impressive tractors at the FL State Show in March.



The man himself ... Stewart Paquette (#400) standing between two one-of-a-kind gold demonstrator tractors that are part of his extensive collection of IH products. Stew's Buffalo Nickel Ranch is a shrine to all things IH.



Jana Bodine competes in the skillet toss in just one of the many activities at the show in Leesburg, FL in March.



(Left) Gary Bell (#367) leads the parade at the Leesburg Show. (Right) Matt Bodine (#311) operates a big IH 3586. Chapter #23 members got the chance to drive some of "Stew's Stuff" in the daily parades.







Along with a re-creation of an IH dealership building, Stew Paquette also has the International Hall of Fame to house his impressive collection of IH machinery and products. (L-R) Stew Paquette, Sherman Roberts, Jane Roberts, Buddy Banks, Conrad Bell, Gary Bell, Jana Bodine, Matt Bodine, Randy Bodine.



Sherman Roberts parades a 1206 Turbo from Stew's Stuff.



Gary Bell on Stew's International 86 Hydro Hi-Crop.



Conrad Bell in the parade driving a "Stew's Stuff" Super C with cultivators.



Matt Bodine gets to drive a very big tractor, an IH 3586, in the parade.



Randy Bodine looks right at home on this nice Farmall 1568.



A big International 4166 restoration from "Stew's Stuff".

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Mike Gallahar (#434) of Munford joined Chapter #23 at the Snead CASE/IH show in April. He was already a national member when he joined. The photo at the right shows Mike and his best friend, Larcus Mayo (an Allis Chalmers man) in the parade at Montevallo in March. Mike is enjoying showing his 1941 Farmall A restoration this year. The tractor was given to him by his aunt from Vilonia, Arkansas. It belonged to her father, Robert "Pappy" Sims, and had sat in her yard for 5 or 6 years. Mike traveled to Arkansas to haul it back to Talladega County 3 years ago with the intention of restoring it in Mr. Sims' memory. The engine was stuck and, with Larcus' help, the restoration was finished in 7 months.



Joe Mims (#324) showed his recently restored McCormick-Deering 0-12 tractor at the Montevallo FFA show in March.



Congratulations to James Anglin (#303) and the dedicated citizens of Hackleburg for bringing back their annual tractor show this year. The town was all but destroyed in the historic tornado outbreak that assailed Alabama on April 27, 2011.



Gary Boutwell (#286) held his hands-on "Cub Fest" in March in Hammond, LA.



Louisiana Chapter #31 had a good turnout for their annual state show in Franklinton, LA on May 5.





Joe Criswell (#357) hosts the Snead CASE/IH show each April at his dealership in Snead, AL in Blount County. This photo shows Joe's impressive collection of antique CASE tractors. He has an IH and Farmall collection that is just as impressive.



Chapter #23 held its first meeting of the year at Snead. Unlike some years past, the rain and wind held off this year.



(L-R) William Stripling (#429) and Terry Stripling (#428) of Jasper showed their recently completed Super C at Snead.



Rubin Haga (#54) brought his Super A Demonstrator with planter attachment to Snead. He also had a toy replica of the tractor as part of his display.



This year's Snead CASE/IH show had a nice variety of makes and models for visitors to inspect and admire.





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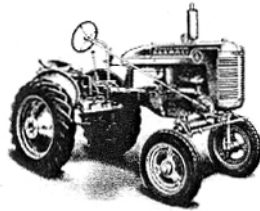
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