"INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COLLECTORS" Alabama Chapter #23



The International Harvester Collectors, Chapter #23 (Alabama) started from very humble beginnings. The initial interest in the formation of the organization began in the northern part of the state. A small group of IH enthusiasts began discussing the idea of possibly receiving a chapter sanctioning from the International Harvester Collectors Worldwide. To begin the process, a series of organizational meetings was held at the Limestone County Rescue Squad Building in Athens, AL. The interest was promising, so the worldwide organization was contacted to get a list of names of existing Alabama residents who were members of the worldwide club. On March 10, 1998, we were sanctioned as the 23rd chapter of the International Harvester Collectors Worldwide. As of the Spring of 2016, we have 257 active members. Some of these members are from

the states of AR, GA, LA, MS, NE, and TN. Our members come from all walks of life. We have factory workers, teachers, publishers, doctors, engineers, businessmen and, of course, American farmers.

Membership to Chapter 23 is available to anyone interested in joining. It is not necessary that you own IH products. All you need is an interest in the company. In order to join Chapter #23, you must also join the International Harvester Collectors Worldwide. The total annual dues to join is \$25 (\$10 to the chapter and \$15 to the worldwide club). With your membership, you will receive 2 newsletters, "Harvester Highlights," from the worldwide club, and our own "Super A" from the chapter. With these newsletters and the countless people you will meet, you will have a wide parts locating network. And if this isn't enough, you just might meet some of the finest people you will ever know.

Chapter #23 holds an annual show called the "Alabama IH State Show." The event is held as a feature event at a host show somewhere in Alabama. A special area is set aside to group the IH displays together. Anything pertaining to IH or it's predecessors may be displayed in the area. If your antique tractor organization would like to host a future "Alabama IH State Show," we would be glad to talk to you. The show must be held in the state of Alabama. You can contact an officer or director, or write to: International Harvester Collectors, Chapter #23, 2907 Virginia Road, Birmingham, AL 35223.

Chapter #23 publishes a quarterly newsletter called "Super A(LABAMA)". The newsletter contains photos and articles on area shows and shows featuring IH. It is a valuable asset to persons hunting parts for their IH projects. Vendor and Classified ads are available to members at no charge. Non-members can run ads with the payment of an advertising fee.

To join, complete our application and send check or money order for \$25 (\$10 if already a member of the Worldwide Club) to the name shown on the form.

(Make Check Payable to: Alabama #23 IH Collectors).



International Harvester Collectors Worldwide is an association of members with interests in IH products and history. It covers tractors, engines, trucks, equipment, toys, literature, and memorabilia.

The stated purpose is: To establish the Club logo as an identity to which IH collectors can relate. To promote IH collecting, restoration, and show displays, through communication among members. To help preserve, research, and complete the history of the IH company. To aid shows that feature IH by establishing a file of members' show pieces. To hold an annual convention (Red Power Roundup) in conjunction with an IH feature at a different host show each year, an annual winter convention, and an annual consignment auction.

We were organized in July of 1990. We are a not-for-profit association with by-laws, a board of nine directors, and officers. Board members are elected annually at the Red Power Round-Up. We have members from 49 states and several other countries.