

THE RED EDGE

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Our hearts go out to all who have had losses in the recent Nebraska fires. Some areas of the state have received rain but much of the west is still very dry and we continue to anticipate timely rains to alleviate the drought.

I have just returned from my trip to the Winter Convention at Clemmons, NC. Chapter 42 is to be complimented on a very smooth and enjoyable convention. If you have never attended one I would encourage you to consider it in the future. The Winter Convention is a much slower pace than a Roundup and gives us a chance to catch up with our friends from around the country that we only see once or twice a year. No location has been chosen yet for 2027 but some suggestions have been thrown out and I have a suggestion of my own that I may bring up at the meeting in Humphrey April 18.

In my travels, after the convention I went north and visited sites in Virginia. Of course Virginia was the home of the invention of the reaper which ultimately led to the formation of the International Harvester Co in 1902. Virginia was home to four of our first five US Presidents and being the America 250 year, I thought it appropriate to visit those sites. I was able to visit Mt Vernon which was George Washington's home on the Potomac River. Washington designed a 16 sided barn that he was able to thresh wheat in. The barn was reconstructed on the site in 1992 and I was able to view it first hand and compare it to the scale model that I built this winter. (The scale model will be on display in Huron at the 2026 RPRU to introduce mechanized farming since 1776) Thomas Jefferson was also a progressive farmer and did much to improve farming fertility and conservation methods. I visited his home at Monticello and also James Madison's Montpelier and James Monroe's home, called Highland.

Scot Coon has volunteered to take care of the Club Scrapbooks. If you have any pictures, obituaries, or other items that should be saved for the club, please get them to him.

We have special tee shirts designed for the America 250 event. They will be available at the meeting as well as some 250 stickers with the club logo.

Our 2028 National Auction committee has selected a site in Central City and Stock Auctions is willing to hold the sale. We will be presenting all the details at the meeting and asking for the members to vote their approval of the recommendations. Please be there.

Klub 81 is the site for our meeting April 18 and is at the junction of highway US81 and NE91 at Humphrey NE. We plan to eat at noon, a buffet style meal will be served, fried chicken or hamburger steaks, and start the meeting around 1:00 Enter the east door that will be marked "Private Party"

Mitchell Equipment (CaseIH dealer) is next door and carries a large selection of toys. Visit them before the meeting as they close at noon.

Our summer meeting will be held at the RPRU in Huron. June 25-27 It's not often that the National show is this close to home so please plan to attend. Check at the Chapter table for location and time. (Probably on Friday)

September 15-17 is Husker Harvest days in Grand Island. This will be our chapter show for this year and I encourage you to bring your red tractors and equipment. Last year we had the large New Holland lot right next to Case IH and it is hoped that this will continue. I will know more as we get closer. I will also probably be asking a couple of you for Heritage tractors to park on the Case IH lot. Move in day is Monday Sept 14 as there is no equipment moving on the grounds during show hours. I can get golf cart permits free of charge for exhibitors and of course gate passes. I plan to be there all day Sunday Sept 13 for those wishing to bring units early or drop them off Sunday night after the Clay Center show.

We need a meeting place for our fall quarter meeting. If you have a collection you would like to share with our membership please visit with me about it.

Howard Raymond IHC Collectors NE Chapter 12