

THE RED EDGE

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Presidents letter:

For a 2nd year I am serving as Grounds manager at the Tri-state Antique Engine and Thresher Association, Bird City Kansas, Home to the McCormick Reapers on loan from the IHCC Trust.

We have a new guest exhibit here at the Thresher Association, featuring the Western Cattle Trail. Including Cattle shoulder blades with pen and ink drawings of plains animals by a local artist. These items will be on display in the Visitor Center through October. Stop by anytime. We are open Tuesday through Saturday 10-4.

Thank you Don Hickert for allowing us to share your collection.

Western Kansas was wide open with few settlers in the early years of trail driving, but that part of the state was not uninhabited. This was the home of the Plains Indians. The buffalo herds blackened the prairies with their uncountable numbers. All this changed drastically in a matter of a few years, and, at the same time, Texans were looking north to trail their cattle. The transition from Indian villages to homesteads, from buffalo herds to cattle herds is a monumental event in our Plains history that cannot be overlooked.

For our 2026 season we are pleased to have two summer interns to help out at the show grounds. Tevin Delano, a Junior at Cheylin High School, returns for a 2nd year at TSAE&TA and is learning welding and advanced mechanical skills. Landyn White, a Freshman at Cheylin, is excited to learn new things and explore where he wants to go in life. So far the boys have tackled several repair projects including rebuilding the hydraulic cylinders on our grounds tractor, repairing siding on buildings, and building and installing shelving in our storage areas. They designed and built several display stands for signage, and installed vent fans in our showerhouse.

These duties keep me tolerably busy but I am making time this week and next to prepare for the Red Power Roundup in Huron South Dakota. We will be transporting one of the 1831 Reapers to display there with the IHCC Trust Exhibit. I have been busy creating display visuals and fielding inquiries from collectors around this great Country. Please join us in Huron as we celebrate 250 Years! It's not every year that the RPRU comes to an adjoining state and Huron is very doable for most Nebraskans. We will hold our summer quarter meeting there and check in at the Chapter 12 table for time and location.

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.

John Schoenauer has applied and it has been accepted to proclaim August 22 as Antique Tractor Preservation Day in Nebraska, This event has been celebrated for the past two years in Kansas and we are pleased to have Nebraska added to the event. John and Howard will be attending the ceremony in Lincoln July 7th:

TO THE PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, agriculture has long been the backbone of Nebraska's economy, and the state's strong agricultural and rural family traditions continue to make Nebraska farming vital to the prosperity of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, antique tractor enthusiasts dedicate themselves to restoring and preserving historic farm machinery, with antique tractors representing both a lifelong passion for some and cherished memories for others; and

WHEREAS, antique tractors serve as tangible reminders of Nebraska's agricultural heritage and the rich rural history of its people; and

WHEREAS, the development and evolution of farm machinery reflect a culture of innovation in agriculture, with tractors surpassing draft animals on U.S. farms by 1954—resulting in a dramatic increase in crop production; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2024, U.S. Senator Roger Marshall entered a statement into the Congressional Record (Vol. 170, No. 150) commemorating Antique Tractor Preservation Day, driving nationwide recognition of the importance of preserving vintage farm machinery; and

WHEREAS, the continued observance of Antique Tractor Preservation Day stands as a testament to the importance of preserving historic agricultural equipment and safeguarding the enduring legacy, innovation, and hard work of America's farming communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2026, as

ANTIQUA TRACTOR PRESERVATION DAY in the State of Nebraska, and I urge all citizens to join in this observance and to recognize the lasting impact of antique tractor preservation and the dedication that has brought national attention to this vital agricultural effort, ensuring it is shared and advanced for generations to come.

This email is to notify you that your proclamation request has been received and will be included in the upcoming signing ceremony on Tuesday, July 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Warner Chamber at the State Capitol!

Our 2028 National Auction committee has selected a site in Central City and Stock Auctions is willing to hold the sale. 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. Our Fall meeting will be at 10 AM at the church Stuhr Museum in Grand Island in conjunction with the State Cornhusking Contest. The group rate is \$12 per person (children are free) for those coming in to attend the meeting and visit the museum. When they arrive let the gatehouse person know and she will charge accordingly. If you bring a tractor for the display, it will get 2 of

you in free (see the Stuhr Museum Fall Festival flyer below). There will be lunch options available on grounds. The Farm Machinery Building will be open. 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

RPRU News:

Special announcement from IHCC president,

The National International Harvester Collectors Club and the RPRU hosts are happy to announce a special event at this year's Round Up in Huron.

CNH has produced a special tractor to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States and will have it at the Red Power Round Up for the first public viewing.

Getting this special CNH tractor to the Round Up this year is the result of a developing relationship between CNH and IHCC Board. A couple years ago the National Board had an opportunity to visit the CNH Steiger Plant in Fargo, ND and meet with their management. Last year the National Board went to Racine, Wisconsin and again met with CNH management.

The two visits and several discussions by individuals helped to make the first public viewing possible. Please share this news with your membership.

Sincerely,
Bob Buxton

Report on recent Tractor Relay Across Nebraska:

Tractor Relay Across Nebraska (TRAN), hosted by the Nebraska Antique Farming Association, for 2026 is over. We had a pretty successful drive this year raising around \$6,000.00 for Operation Comfort Warrior and Gift for Yanks. Over the years we have raised over \$76,000.00 total that has gone to Operation Comfort Warrior. For those of you who don't know Operation Comfort Warrior is a program that is run by the American Legion. OCW was chosen because all the money that is raised goes to the veterans. All the operational costs are taken care of by the legion. If a veteran or a veterans home needs something the government won't pay for they can put in for basically a grant to fund what they are needing. A couple of years ago we decided that ½ of the money should stay in Nebraska and started splitting the funds raised between OCW and Gifts for Yanks.

Gifts for Yanks gives cookies and gifts to our veterans in the homes here in Nebraska. TRAN for 2026 was in Beatrice this year. We don't ride across the state like we have in years past. We came to the realization a few years ago that it was too much work for a ride from one end of the state to the other in 9 days. So this year we set up at the Gage County Fairgrounds and went on different drives from there. We saw several different tractor collections and a quite impressive pedal tractor collection just north of Beatrice. On the last day we got to tour Landmark Snacks in Beatrice. I was pretty surprised to learn they made beef jerky for Jacks Links and Chomps. I had no idea some of those jerky products were made here in Nebraska. Several Nebraska IH collector members were present on the drive. There wasn't any major breakdowns for anybody this year other than a flat steer tire. I had my new to me, 400 for the drive this year. It was really a test to see what problems I needed to fix before I get it painted up. I didn't find anything to major valve cover gasket and a couple minor hydraulic oil leaks but nothing too bad. It was noticed by me and another IH club member that the tractor hasn't really been using extensively as the steering and the seat were pretty tight. There wasn't a lot of side to side movement in the seat. I think I can safely say a good time was had by all. I know I had a great time. Next year the drive will be in my neck of the woods around North Platte. We have been keeping track of the Nebraska Counties we've been to, and we have Douglas and Logan counties left to cover all 93 counties in the state. Next year we will hit Logan county and then only have Douglas left. That's the basic story of TRAN 2026. I hope everyone has a great summer!

Steven Fisher

Calendar:

June 25-27 RPRU Huron SD Summer quarter meeting on Friday

July 30-Aug 1 Thresher Show Bird City KS America 250

August 6-8 Wasenek Weekend, Kenesaw NE

August 15-17 PVAMA show at Crystal Lake NE

August 22 Antique Tractor Preservation Day

September 11-12 Old Trusty show at Clay Center

September 15-17 Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island

September 19 State hand corn husking at Stuhr Museum, Grand Island

November 13-14, 2026 National Auction 8020 Manore Road, Neapolis, Ohio



Farmall 1206 on Tractor Relay, Steve Weiss of Wilber, NE

Stuhr Museum Fall Festival

2026 Tractor Show Invitation

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

Stuhr Museum is inviting you to bring a tractor (or many) to show at our Fall Festival this year! We will be hosting the 2026 Nebraska State Cornhusking Competition and 1890's Agricultural Fair at the same time!

THE DETAILS

- Saturday 9/19/2026
- 10:00 AM start; participants can depart whenever they need to.
- On Stuhr Museum grounds, 3133 W. US Hwy 34, Grand Island NE 68801
- Donuts and coffee will be provided to participants. Lunch will be available for purchase on grounds.
- A tractor parade will take place at approximately 1 PM, (drivers must be 18+) immediately following completion of a cornhusking round.
- The option to bring in the tractors the day before, on Friday 9/18/2026, is available, from 9:00AM to 6:00PM. We would like all tractors to be in place by 10:00 AM on Saturday, 9/19.
- Trailers will need to be parked separately from the tractors in the trailer parking zone. Parking help will be on site and available.

**To bring tractors contact Joel Springer: 308-385-5316, ext 245
jspringer@stuhrmuseum.org
By 9/11/2026**

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Providence Magnum from Case IH



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