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A view from the seat! At the Chapter 18 Plow Day at the Hunt Farm on May 18th, 2024, I am chasing Kenny Zaher down the field and we stopped so he could check out something on his plow! Chapter 18 will be back at the Hunt Farm in Orange MA. On May 16th and 17th 2026 for a Plow Day! *Gary Munsey photo*



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Summary of Treasurer's Report by Tom Stremper as of February 27, 2026

Mascoma Checking	\$2,038.00
Mascoma Money Market Savings	\$5,452.00
Mascoma Scholarship CD	<u>\$10,284.00</u>
 Total	 \$17,774.00

Membership Dues Renewal Form

The total cost for renewals and new members is \$40, \$20 for the National and \$20 for Chapter 18.

Please mail your check and application to:

Mark Wells
Chapter 18 Membership Secretary
30 Lincoln St.
Stoneham MA 02180-2502

(Checks made out to **New England IH Collectors Chapter # 18**)

Please note new address above for sending in your dues!!

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address _____
City/Town: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone # _____ Email Address: _____
Check Number _____

Please renew your membership before the listed date.
Keep Our Membership Numbers Strong!

Important Note: Chapter 18 Membership Dues have increased to \$20.00 per year effective June 1st, 2025.

Membership Report:

There are 198 active members as of March 1st , 2026. The date on your mailing label is your membership expiration date. If it shows 6/1/2026, your membership expires this coming June. You can renew anytime and for more than 1 year. Thanks

The address for renewals has also changed. Please send all renewals to: MARK WELLS, 30 LINCOLN ST STONEHAM, MA 02180-2502 from now on.

If you have questions, feel free to call me at 508-523-6835. Thanks

Chapter 18 Spring Membership Meeting Notice!

**The IH Collectors Chapter 18 Spring Membership Meeting and cookout will be held on Sunday, April 12th, 2026 at noon and will be held at
Foskett Equipment in Woodstock CT.**

We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Membership meeting and cookout. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, and please bring a food item to share with the group.

Here's the address if you have never been to Foskett's before!

**Foskett Equipment
187 Peake Brook Road
Woodstock, CT**

<http://www.foskettequipment.com/>

As always, thanks to Harold Foskett for hosting our spring meeting!!



International Harvester Collectors New England

Chapter 18 Scholarship Information

Our scholarship program is open to high school seniors and students who intend to further their education at a four-year college, community college, or other similar institution.

The scholarship is available for students who plan to pursue a career in an agricultural field (veterinary, agriculture, automotive/ engine work, etc.).

The scholarship award is for one year, and will be sent directly to the institution to be used to pay educational expenses. There can be multiple winners in a given year.

Candidates do not have to be Chapter 18 members; this is open to all of the New England states.

For a chance to be awarded the Chapter 18 scholarship, you must enter by: **JUNE 1ST, 2026.**

Chapter 18 New England Scholarship Requirements

Please submit an application, **(you can download the application from our website at IHCNE18.com)** Please also submit a short biography including your Name, Age, Semester, School and why you feel that you are eligible to win **You must also submit your mailing address, email address and phone number so that we may contact you if needed.**

Submit your information to IH Collectors, Chapter 18 New England by email to the address listed below.

ihcnechapter18@gmail.com

In the past several years, Chapter 18 has given scholarships totaling over \$15,000 to students majoring in the agricultural field.

We are able to provide these scholarships through funds that are raised by chapter members buying and selling tickets for our annual raffle tractor, as well as memorial donations that have been made in honor of members who have passed away.

We created the scholarship program to be sure that the love for agriculture will live on.

IH Chapter 18 Director Meeting Minutes, January 11th, 2026

Location: Pepperell MA VFW Hall

President Mark Wells called the meeting to order at 1202 pm. All Officers and Directors were present at the meeting. Members of the Chapter 18 Ladies Auxiliary included Chery Wells, Suzanne Stremper and Shelby Moore.

The secretary's report was accepted as read via email to the Directors. Mark made a motion, seconded by Chuck to accept. Motion passed.

Tom gave the treasurers report with the following account balances: Mascoma Checking: \$4,420.95, Money Market savings: \$7,946.92, and Scholarship CD: \$10,249.47. Total of \$22,617.34. Mark made a motion and was seconded by Chuck to approve the report. Motion carried.

Mark gave a membership report of 198 members as of today.

Tom presented a proposed 2026 budget for Chapter 18. We had discussion about the budget.

We had discussion about the Chapter 18 newsletter. We talked about possibly cutting back on the amount of newsletters printed per year.

Mark gave us a report on the Square sales account. Gross sales of club merchandise were \$11,136.00 last year based on the report.

Dennis talked about show sales analysis and about show participation and revenues.

Tom inventoried the club trailer on January 6th. We discussed the current inventory. We also talked about the clubs' tax ID status. Tom will check on ordering red T-shirts with the Farmall Regular on them.

We adjourned for a great lunch at 1:02 pm prepared by the ladies auxiliary. Meeting resumed at 1:25 pm.

We had discussion about electing a new Director. A nominating committee consisting of Tom and Chuck was created.

Next was Officer Elections. The slate of Officers was President Mark Wells, Vice-President Dennis Prefontaine, Secretary Gary Munsey and Treasurer Tom Stremper. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of Officers presented. Motion passed.

We talked about the 2026 Show Schedule. April 12th, Membership Meeting at Harold Fosketts, May 2nd and 3rd, Zagray Farm Show, Colchester CT. May 16th and 17th, Plow Day at Hunt Farm, Orange MA, May 22nd, 23rd and 24th, Bernardston MA show, June 27th and 28th, Orange MA show, July 24th and 25th, Eliot ME show, Sept. 11th thru 13th, Dublin NH, September ??? TBD, All IH show at Steve Dearborn, Broad Brook CT, Oct 17th and 18, Waters Farm show and October 25th, Chapter 18 Banquet, Pepperell MA VFW.

We talked about the Raffle Cubs. What is needed to complete the 2026 Raffle Cub. We have another raffle Cub that we will offer for sale.

We will order raffle tickets, 1800 Cub tickets and 600 Pedal Tractor tickets.

We had discussion about ordering hats.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Gary Munsey, Chapter 18 Secretary

IH Iron Ore Ships

The International Harvester Company is widely recognized for its agricultural and construction equipment, cars and trucks, and gardening products. The company was formed in 1902 after a merger with McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, Deering Harvester Company, and three smaller manufacturers. The International Harvester Company had several plants across the U.S. and abroad. In order to supply these plants with the raw materials needed to produce the equipment and various vehicles, they joined the bulk trade on the Great Lakes in 1911 with the subsidiary firm Wisconsin Steel Company operating a single boat, *The Harvester*. In 1920, International Harvester took control of the vessel entirely. Fourteen years later, International Harvester purchased their second and final vessel of the fleet from Panda Steamship, and rechristened the vessel with the fitting name, *The International*.

The two vessels were branded with the International Harvester logo, an overlapping lowercase “i” and a capital “H”, the logo which can be seen on this ten-foot-long rectangular flag. The vessels had three primary cargos, iron ore, coal, and limestone, each providing a different service at their many plants.

Between the mid-1960s and late 1970s, International Harvester sold the two vessels after facing economic hardships. In the 1980s all divisions of International Harvester were sold except for International Trucks, which became known as Navistar International focusing on the production of trucks and engines. In 2020, Volkswagen purchased the shares of Navistar bringing an end to the remainder of what was once known as International Harvester.

In the photo below is a model and photo of the Ore Boat “Harvester” from the collection of the late Darrell Darst. Also in the photo is an article from a Harvester Highlights issue on the IH Ore Boats. Darrell was a former editor of Harvester Highlights for many years. A trip to Missouri in 2008 for the IH Red Power Roundup in Columbia MO also gave an opportunity to visit Darrell’s vast IH collection.

Photo on June 15th, 2008 by Gary Munsey



Chapter 18 New England 2026 Tentative Show Schedule

Subject to Change!

Please support your Chapter 18 club and volunteer to help out at the shows that Chapter 18 will attend this year. Help is needed at the Chapter 18 merchandise and membership table!

If you can help out at any of these shows, please contact Chapter 18 President Mark Wells at (508) 523-6835 or email at: mfarmall1950@gmail.com

April 12th	Chapter 18 Membership Meeting. Harold Foskett's Shop 187 Peake Brook Road, Woodstock, CT
May 2nd & 3rd	Zagray Farm Show 544 Amston Road, Colchester CT.
May 16th & 17th	Chapter 18 Plow Day, Hunt Farm, Orange MA. Check back on our website, www.ihcne18.com for updates when they come in!
May 22nd, 23rd & 24th	Bernardston Gas Engine Show, Pratt Field, 257 South Street, Bernardston MA.
June 27th & 28th	Central Mass Steam and Gas Engine Show 80 Airport Street. Orange MA.
July 24th & 25th	Eliot Antique Tractor Show, Raitt Farm Homestead 2077 State Rd. Eliot ME.
Sept 11th, 12th & 13th	Dublin Gas Engine Show, Cricket Hill Farm 1716 Main St. (Route 101) Dublin NH.
Sept. To be determined	Chapter 18 "All IH" Show, Located at Steve Dearborn's IH Museum, 95 Rye Street, Broad Brook CT. 06016.
October 17th & 18th	Waters Farm Show, 53 Waters Rd. Sutton MA.
October 25th	IH Collectors Chapter 18 New England Fall Banquet VFW Hall, 55 Leighton St. (off RTE 113) Pepperell MA.

Chapter 18 Plow Day, Orange MA!

The IH Collectors Chapter 18 New England Club have been invited to another plow day at the Hunt Farm in Orange MA. This time, it's a 2 day event to make sure everything is plowed!

The dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th 2026!

Details are still being worked out and as they come in will be updated on the Chapter 18 website at: www.ihcne18.com

Check the website often for more info and updates!

We do not have any details yet for a Massey Club Plow Day in Contoocook NH.

Any updates will be posted to the Chapter 18 website!



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The 2026 Cub and Pedal Tractor Raffle tickets will be available at our Spring Membership Meeting at Harold Foskett's on April 12th.

Cub Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$20.00

1st Prize: Farmall Cub Tractor, 2nd Prize: \$250.00 cash, 3rd Prize: \$100.00 cash

Pedal Tractor tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00

Drawing to be held at the Chapter 18 Fall Banquet on October 25th, 2026!

Visit one of the many shows that Chapter 18 will attend this year and get your tickets! See the show schedule in this newsletter!!

**Here's a photo of the 2026 Raffle Cub which is a 1959 product!
Many thanks to Chuck Moore, Tom Stremper and others for getting this old girl ready for show season!**



For Sale and Wanted Items – see the website for a full listing of previously posted items as well

Wanted: International 350 Hi Utility and 656 Hi Utility. Would prefer old shade tobacco tractors, but others are fine. Phone: 802-254-3314 email: farmallboy55@hotmail.com. Michael Fuller

Presidents Message



Despite the snow that New England has received, spring is on the way. That is my story anyway and I am sticking with it.

Chapter 18's first event of the year will be our membership meeting on April 12th. The meeting will be held at Harold Foskett's again this year and the time is noon. The menu will be the same as always and I hope to see you there. The chapter thanks Harold for the use of his facility and the effort he puts into this event. I hope we have good weather as we have had most years.

Beyond this meeting, the schedule of shows that we are planning to attend is published in this newsletter. There will be a Plow Day in Orange, MA at the Hunt farm. The dates are May 16th & 17th. I have not heard yet, but the plow day with our Massey collector friends in Contoocook, NH usually happens in late April.



I received a phone call from Tom Boll from Vermont. He has this scale model Metro van for sale and wanted to know if anyone would be interested. He would like to see it go to a museum if possible. Tom can be reached at 802-343-1596 or tomboll802@gmail.com.



This is a picture of this year's Farmall Cub. Our thanks to Chuck Moore, Tom Stremper and Wil Anderson for getting this tractor ready for this year's raffle. This Cub was donated to Chapter 18. We hope that the raffle ticket sales will be brisk as it is a very nice-looking Cub. We have the Pedal tractor also, so we are set for the show season as far as raffles go. Both will be at the membership meeting on April 12th.

Also available will be the Chapter 18 sweatshirts. If you ordered one or would like one you can let Tom Stremper know.

Thanks Mark Wells, President.

Gary D Munsey
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Classics from the Past

Way back on September 18th, 2004, Chapter 18 was featured at Danne Moores show in Ludlow Vermont! This special banner was made and hung by a crane to advertise our club. We had many IH tractors and equipment on display at that show!

