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Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to all!

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Chapter 18 Membership Report for November 2023 Newsletter

Membership Report: There are 209 active members as of November 13th. We have gained some new members this show season, so the number is higher than it could be. If you want to renew, or join, the total cost for renewals and new members is \$35, \$20 for the National and \$15 for Chapter 18. June 1st is our annual Chapter renewal date, so please send in your renewals as soon as possible.

Membership Dues Renewal Form

Please mail your check and application to:

Donna Callahan, Chapter 18 Treasurer
201 Oak Street
Franklin, MA 02038

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

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!



That's a wrap for the 2023 Show Schedule!
Thanks to all that attended shows and helped out at the club table.

Stay tuned for a future newsletter showing the shows that Chapter 18 will attend in 2024!

Nick Brett's 100-year-old 10/20 McCormick-Deering Tractor

Here is Nick's 100-year-old gear drive tractor built in April 1923, the first year of production, shown on the photo here with his wife of 60 years, Nancy with some of her Golden's!

The 10/20 fits right into Nick's collection of fifteen International and McCormick Deering 15/30 gear drive tractors with one or more from each year from 1922-1931 and a W30 and a WK40 all on steel wheels.

As Nick mentions, "I met Kim Spaulding at the Deerfield (NH) Fair in 1999. We talked about if there were any 15/30 McCormick-Deering tractors available?" Kim replies, "I assured Nick, they were everywhere!" And as you can see, they found a home at Nick's place.

It was about locating them and seeing them restored to pristine condition as Nick is very particular and a very capable mechanic.

He is a friend of mine and many others also.

Kim Spaulding
Nick Brett



IH Chapter 18 Membership Meeting Minutes

Pepperell MA V.F.W. Hall, October 22, 2023

Mark Wells, President called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm

He thanked everyone for coming to the banquet and talked about a successful year for Chapter 18 at our new location in Sutton MA.

Mark gave the membership report with 207 members as of today.

Donna gave the treasurers report with a balance of \$16,183.16 before today's activities.

We had two candidates for our scholarships. They received \$750.00 each.

Three present directors' terms have expired and are up for election. They are Kim Spaulding, Chuck Moore, and Tom Stremper. All three said they would run again. Mark Wells asked for any nominations from the floor. Hearing none, all three men were elected by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Next was the 50/50 drawing won by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Munsey, \$196.00 going to the Munsey's and \$196.00 going to Chapter 18.

We were then served another great noon meal prepared and served by the Lions Club of Pepperell.

Mark Wells was the speaker for today and talked about his younger years growing up on a farm in Minnesota with the family and their Farmall's.

Next, we had the drawings of the raffles.

The Farmall Cub was won by Betty Rogers

The Pedal Tractor was won by Michael Nelson

The \$250.00 cash prize was won by Don Callahan

The \$100.00 cash prize was won by Evan Roy

We then drew numbers for gifts from the table until everyone went home with a gift.

Respectfully Submitted



Kim C. Spaulding

Secretary of Chapter 18 of N.E.

Our Farmall M

By Mark Wells

Forward:

Going into the banquet this year, I was not able to find a speaker for the event. I decided that I could speak and tried to have a message that would appeal to all of the attendees. When I speak in public, I never expect to receive any feedback. If no one says anything, it is not because they did not like what I had to say. Most of the time, they just don't say anything. This time I received several positive comments on my story. I decided that since Gary indicated that he had room in this newsletter, I would write the story (at least as I remember it) for the newsletter. I hope you enjoy it.

The Story:

I lived on a farm in southern Minnesota until I was 12 years old. With this background, I have always had a love of machines. Tractors and farm equipment have been a strong interest to me. Especially, IH tractors and equipment. This is why I have the hobby that I do.

The farm was purchased by my grandfather in the 1930s. He had lost another farm during the depression, but with his WWI veteran's payout he was able to buy this farm. The farm was 160 acres and he was somewhat worried that he could manage it as his other farm was smaller.

My father graduated from high school in 1941. He went into the Navy in 1942. My grandfather had been in WWI in the Army and told all three of his sons to go into the Navy. "At least you always have a dry place to sleep," he said. Dad came home on leave for Christmas, 1945 and met my mother at a church event at that time. He got out of the Navy on March 17th, 1946. He now had to decide what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. He worked at John Deere in Waterloo, IA for a time and then bought a new 1946 International KB-6 truck and was in the trucking business for a while. During this time, he dated my mother who was teaching.

My mother graduated from high school in 1944. Even before her graduation she was asked if she wanted to become a teacher. Due to a shortage of teachers during WWII, there was an effort to recruit teachers. The program consisted of a summer session, a full academic year and another summer session. Completion of this program gave my mother a 2-year college degree, which was a normal degree for teachers in those days. So, by the age of 19, my mother was teaching elementary school children. I am sure that my mother jumped at the chance to get into this program. She was a farm girl and her life was not easy. Her father rented farms rather than owning a farm until the mid-forties. This meant that about the time they were comfortable with a farm, it was time to move. The farm he bought was only a mile from my father's farm. So, my grandparents became neighbors.

By early 1947, my father had decided that he would take over the family farm and my parents were married in July, 1947. As was the understanding back then, my mother left her teaching job to be a housewife. She knew well what her life would be. She told me that her last paycheck from teaching went to buy a wagon from Montgomery Wards. She also told me that as a farmer's wife, she knew where any extra money would go – into the farm. The tractor on the farm in 1947 was a 1942 Farmall H with a two bottom plow and 2-row row crop equipment. My grandfather bought a house and moved into town and my parents moved into the farm house after they were married.

In 1950, Dad decided that it was time to invest in some new equipment, he decided that it was time to get bigger. He ordered and took delivery on a brand new Farmall M with a three bottom plow and 4-row row crop equipment. It was quite a step up and I am sure that he hoped it would work out. My grandfather was a bit nervous, "We will have to widen all the field gates," he said. I am not sure if he was joking or not. My father took possession of the M in March, 1950. It was the main (only) tractor on the farm. It was common in those days to only have one tractor on a farm. Dad added a loader for the tractor soon thereafter. He wanted to have some help in cleaning out the barn. The dairy cows stayed in the barn during the winter and with the daily routine of spreading straw for bedding, toward spring the manure reached 3 to 4 feet high inside the barn.

Dad had cleaned out the barn by hand many times before and he wanted to reduce the labor involved. The barn was cleaned out in the spring and my grandfather and uncle helped with the work. With two manure spreaders going, the work went a lot faster. My father shared work a lot with my grandfather and uncle, particularly when haying. My uncle had a baler and putting up the hay was a big job. My grandfather drove the tractor, and my father and uncle stacked the hay on the wagons. Then the hay was put in the barn. The M had the cultivator on it during this time as corn cultivation and haying occurred at the same time. This fact along with my brother and I getting big enough to help out, probably led my father to start thinking about getting a second tractor. He found a Farmall B for sale and bought it. Included with the B was a 2-row cultivator. Dad was able to mount the IH 25V mower on the B also so the work was more evenly divided between the 2 tractors. The M was used for tillage and harvesting work and the B did the lighter jobs.

Life went on like this for several years, but by 1960 things were changing. Dad developed back problems and he was living with a fair amount of pain. At the same time, the farm itself was beginning to be too small to be viable. While 160 acres was a big farm in the 1930's it was a small farm by the 1960's. As my parents looked at these two issues, it was obvious that some changes had to be made. So, Dad and Mom decided to quit farming and change careers. My mother took some additional courses and started teaching again. Dad started college and eventually got a 4-year teaching degree. In March of 1963, the machinery was sold. It was a sad day in our lives. Both tractors were sold to neighbors, so we knew where they were. Life went on, my father was able to live with less pain as he was not stressing his back as he would if he had continued farming. Dad always thought about the M and the B as he loved tractors and having to sell them was not easy for him. I remember that the M brought \$825 and Dad said he was disappointed that it did not bring more. When Dad retired from teaching, he began to collect a few tractors and thought about getting the M back. He died in 2001 and did not see his M again.

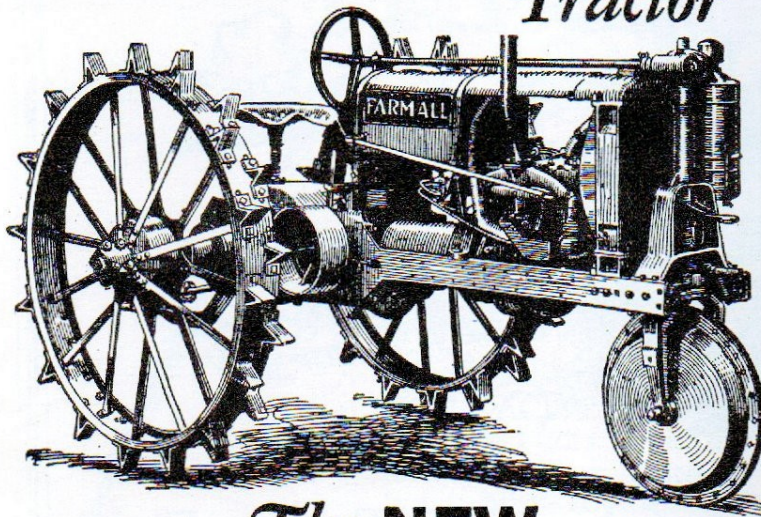
My mother tried a few times to buy the M back from the owners, without any success. In 2013, the owners called my mother and said they were ready to sell it back to her. A deal was made and the M was brought home. I happened to be in Minnesota soon after it was delivered and when I saw it after 49 years, it was moving. I tried to start it and it did not go right away. I then remembered that it was always a fussy starter. It was 6-volt, which is never enough for an M. I waited a few minutes and tried it again. Before I did, I looked up and said "How about a little help Dad." The M started. I do this same routine every time I try to start it ever since. When I drive the M I feel like I am channeling my father. I am so glad that we have it back. A couple of year after we got the M back, we were approached by the owners of the B, who were ready to sell it back to us. A deal was made and we now have both tractors. I have other tractors that I enjoy and love, but the two from our family farm will always be special to me.

Here's a photo of Mark Wells with the 1950 Wells family Farmall M in Le Sueur Minnesota on August 23rd, 2018.

Photo by Gary Munsey Sr.



In the NEW YEAR Use a FARMALL *Tractor*



The **NEW FARMALL 12** **\$525**

NO WONDER the sturdy new Farmall 12 has made a distinct hit. This is the latest Farmall, built for small farm use and to help out on big farms. It displaces four or more horses in field work. It pulls a 16-in. or two 10-in. plow bottoms, and plants and cultivates 25 to 33 acres a day.

The Farmall 12 sells for \$525, f. o. b. Chicago. It gives you the same general utility power coupled with all the advantages of row-crop handling found in every true Farmall tractor. If you farm limited acreage the new Farmall 12 is the power unit that will handle your next year's operations at lowest possible cost.

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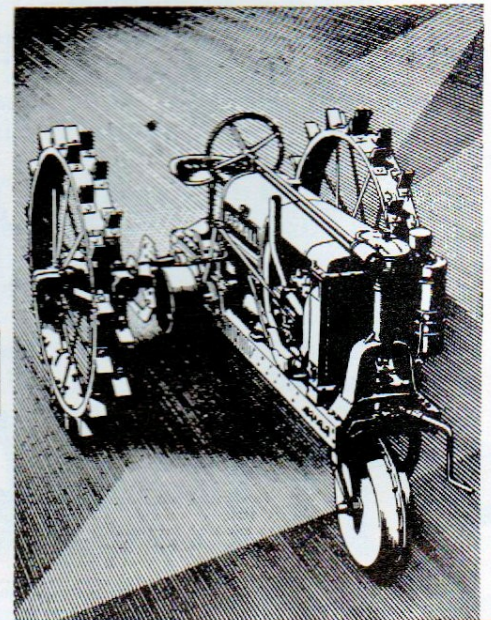
The new Farmall 12 displaces four or more horses in field work. Pulls a 16-inch or two 10-inch plow bottoms. Plants and cultivates 25 to 33 acres a day. Now ready for fall plowing, belt work, etc.

THREE FARMALL SIZES *Now*

The Nimble New Farmall 12
The Original 2-Plow Farmall
The Big 3-Plow Farmall 30

See the McCormick-Deering dealer about these three, and also about the regular McCormick-Deering 10-20 and 15-30 tractors.

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International Harvester Collectors New England

Chapter 18 Scholarship

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, 2024.**

Please submit a short biography including your Name, Age, Semester, School and why you feel that you are eligible to win Submit your information to IHC NE Chapter 18 by email:

ihcnechapter18@gmail.com

In the past several years, Chapter 18 has given scholarships totaling \$9,000 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.

Chapter 18 2023 Cub and Pedal Tractor Winners

At the October 22nd 2023 Chapter 18 annual meeting and banquet, the Cub and Pedal Tractor raffles were conducted.

The winner for the 1948 Farmall Cub was Betty Rogers, wife of Chapter 18 member Richard Rogers!

Winning the \$250.00 cash prize was Donald Callahan

Winning the \$100.00 cash prize was Evan Roy.

And the winner of the Chapter 18 Pedal Tractor was Michael Nelson!

Thanks to all that supported the raffles!

In the photo on the right, is a very happy Dylan Nelson, son of Michael Nelson enjoying the Chapter 18 pedal tractor! Now he just needs an IH shirt and hat!!



Chapter 18 Gathering at Ron Severino's.

On Sunday, October 8th, 2023, Chapter 18 members were invited to visit Chapter 18 member Ron Severino's large collection of International Harvester products at Ron's home and "mini museum" in Candia NH.

The turnout of Chapter 18 members was light but for those who attended, it was a great time and visit! Ron has IH trucks, tractors, Scout, construction equipment and a lot of IH paraphernalia. Ron also has several other non-IH antique pieces in his collection. Ron also had a line-up of IH tractors belonging to Dick Hallberg.

Ron fed us well with coffee and donuts in the morning and a lunch of salad, pasta, meatballs, Italian sausage, and Chili. Nobody went away hungry!

We even signed up two new Chapter 18 members at the gathering! They are George Taylor and Phil Contigiani. Welcome to the club!!

Many thanks to Ron and his wife Amy for hosting Chapter 18.

Chapter 18 group photo at Ron Severino's on October 8th, 2023.

Thanks to Amy Severino for taking the photo!!



Presidents Message



The Chapter 18 show season is over now and as we head into the winter time, it is good to reflect a bit. Overall, it was a good season and I think we all had fun. The Power of the Red (POR) show was a good time. We learned a lot during the show as this was our first time in a new place. Most things worked, but a few will be changed for another year.

The Chapter 18 annual fall banquet was held on October 22nd at the VFW in Pepperell, MA. I really had a good time and I think that most people who were there had fun also. At the membership meeting, elections were held for the expiring director positions. Kim Spaulding and Chuck Moore were re-elected for another term. Mark Walker's term as a director also expired and he indicated that he did not want to run again. In his place Tom Stremper was elected as director. We thank Mark for all he has done for the chapter over the years; the barrel train, the 50-50 raffles at meetings and for his overall pleasant outlook on life. He was always a positive influence for the chapter.

Also at the banquet, as usual, the raffle drawings were held. The Cub for 2023 was donated to the chapter by Linda Robbins. The tractor was a favorite of her husband's, and he used it to mow the lawn at their house. Linda had wanted to sell the tractor after her husband passed away and contacted Charley Pidacks for assistance. Charley called me and asked if the chapter was interested in it. We met with Linda and she decided that the tractor should be donated to the chapter as the proceeds from the raffle benefit our scholarship program. Linda even bought tickets for the raffle! I had invited Linda to come to the banquet and she and her daughter Virginia were able to attend. Linda drew the winning ticket for the Cub. The winner was Betty Rogers. Betty and her husband Richard are longtime Chapter 18 members. They have lots of IH tractors and equipment at their place in Ward Hill, MA. so the Cub went to a good home. The pedal tractor raffle was won by Michael Nelson. Look for the picture of Michael's son Dylan in this newsletter. Member Gary Munsey, Sr won the 50-50 raffle. Thanks to Ray Provini for selling the 50-50 raffle tickets.

I personally want to thank all the members who helped out this year.

Submitted by Mark Wells

Gary D. Munsey
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Several Chapter 18 members are celebrating the success of the new Power of the Red show location in Sutton MA by socializing and enjoying dinner at the Applebee's Restaurant in Auburn MA on Saturday night of the show weekend in August!

