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May 21st , 2011 General Meeting Held at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds, Albert Lea Minnesota.

This is the site for the 2011 RPRU.

We will meet in a heated building and have a catered meal by Hy-Vee. Merchandise trailer will be present and meeting will focus on RPRU planning. Fairground buildings will be open for inspection.

If possible please RSVP by 5/14 to allow us to plan the correct number of meals. To RSVP contact Bruce Jensen or Nathan Hanson (contact information to the left)



Minnesota Chapter 15 IHCC Important Date Reminder Card



- April 23rd : Board of Director & Committee Chair Meeting @ Fairgrounds
- April 29-30th : LeSueur Swap Meet – IHCC 15 selling RPRU Merchandise
- May 7th : Board of Director & Committee Chair Meeting @ Fairgrounds
- **May 21st : 10:30 am General Meeting @ Albert Lea Fairgrounds**
– Final General meeting before RPRU. Need everyone's support.
- June 4, 11, 18th : Weekly planning meetings for BOD and Committee Chairs
- **June 15th : Albert Lea Fairgrounds open to bring RPRU exhibits**
- June 19th : Exhibits can move to show locations in front of Grandstand / Club volunteers on site
- June 21 & 22 : Admission Gates open for RPRU
- **June 23rd : 2011 Red Power Round Up officially begins**
- June 24th : Auction Day at RPRU
- June 25th : Final day of RPRU, National Member meeting
- **June 26th : Clean up day – Everyone's help needed.**



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Volunteers at RPRU are being asked to wear a GOLD RPRU T shirt to identify themselves as a member of the Host Chapter. Wearing the gold shirt will help visitors find a volunteer who can help give directions, answer questions, and make their visit and the 2011 RPRU a huge success! Shirts are available in all sizes at the Chapter table at a cost of \$5.00 each.

RPRU Checking Account :

Net Total in RPRU Checking Account	\$5,399.62
Total in RPRU savings Account	\$531.74
Total in General IHCC15 Account	\$8,346.41
Total funds available to IHC 15	\$14,277.77

RPRU Revenue:	
Camping	\$8,674.88
Vendor	\$8,435.00
Pottery	\$2,647.50
Clothing	\$215.00
Buckles	\$6,418.50

Total money club members have loaned:
\$21,650.00

President's 2 Cents Worth

By Bruce Jensen

I would like to start by thanking each and every one of you for attending the general meeting on March 12, 2011. Nathan told me that it was the largest attendance we have had for a general meeting. Also it was the smoothest run meeting. I must be doing something right in my old age.

I would also like to thank Robert Caloud, National President on attending and his speech of encouragement for us. It was a pleasure to have you here Bob.

Got an e-mail from John Kottke today. He is getting the final touches on his WWII IHC half track. He plans on bringing it to the show for Friday and Saturday.

I have not gotten too much done on my tractors for the roundup. I told the club that I had planned to repaint my F-20, and that does not look like it will get done. I bought a carb kit for the F-20, and I will get that put in and see if I can get some gas leaks stopped. These old tractors do not like this new gas. You have to get a metal needle so the needle and seat will seat properly. I have my H working like a clock now. I had carburetor problems there also. But determination and little luck, and a set of welding torch drill bits, I have her running like it should be. Sorry ladies about my nouns and such, but if you don't rub your tractor the right way, it just won't purr right.

The roundup is progressing slowly. Susie Peterson and I visited the 2 golf courses we have in Albert Lea, yesterday morning, and the golf courses are willing to put some packages together for after show dinners, and golfing packages. So bring your clubs and appetites and enjoy yourself. More and more of the community is waking up and getting behind us.

If you have time during the roundup, visit the Freeborn County Museum, adjoining the fairgrounds. They have some fabulous displays. I was in the building doing some PR work with a Kiwanis club, and I got my eyes open.

See you board members at the up and coming board meetings and all of you at the May 21, 2011 meeting in Albert Lea again. The buildings will be open so come early and get a feel for the place this time. The new building may even be mostly done.

Bruce Jensen, Pres.
Minnesota Chapter 15, IHCC

Club Membership - Jerry Bambenek

The mailing label for this Newsletter has some information besides your name and address. On the first line are some numbers. The first numbers are your "Paid Through" date. As an example most members have "03/12". Namely their dues are paid through March 2012. If your first numbers are 03/11 and highlighted in pink your dues need to be paid because on June 1st the National organization removes all members with 03/11. Therefore you will no longer receive the Harvester Highlights. Also members need to be current paid members with the National organization if they intend to bring a tractor or other item to the Red Power Roundup in June.

The second number on the first line of the name label is your MN Chapter Number. The third number is your National number. Each member has their own IH Collectors number and it is nontransferable.

If you have any questions relative to your membership or have address changes please let me know. Thank you for your involvement in the MN IH Collectors.

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RPRU Work List

– Here is a summary of areas where help will be needed with approximate days & time may be split into shifts of 2 – 3 hours each

Please let us know what times you are available and your choice of jobs.

Admission – 5 gates, need 2 people at each gate, 7am – 5pm Thursday, Friday, Saturday contact Nathan Hanson

Register Tractors & Golf Carts- contact - Mel Melcher – need 2 – 4 people for each shift, 6 am to 5 pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & 7 am – noon, Saturday

People Movers- contact Tim Krentz - need 3 drivers 8- 5, Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

Tractor Parking – contact Mel Melcher & Don Goetke - 2 – 3 people per shift – 7 am –5 pm, Wednesday & Thursday - Friday morning.

Trailer parking – off site - 3 or 4 people per shift – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday(TBD)

Show Book photos – The Showbook committee needs volunteers for exhibitor photos for the dates and times listed below.

Thu Jun 23 9:30am – 5:00pm except during the parade

Fri Jun 24 9:30am – 5:00pm except during the parade

Sat Jun 25 9:30am – 12:00pm

Please contact one of the following committee members to schedule time to help.

763-434-0072 George and Sharon

320-363-7816 Ron and Char

320-363-7976 Lee and Elaine

320-363-8129 Gene and Dottie

Parade Helpers - contact – Ken Eckstrand & Werner Reining – 3 or 4 people – 12:30 – end of parade, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Camping Registration – contact – Dave Kanten - 6am – 5(?) – Wednesday, Thursday, - Friday morning

Chapter Tables - Contact Linda Klein - 8-5 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday until 2, 4-6 people per shift

Belt Buckles – contact Rod or Leann Larson - 8:30-12:30 shift or 12:30-4:30 shift, 4 people per shift- Thursday & Friday - 2 people per shift on Saturday. Rod 328-7753 or LeeAnn 382-9255

Quilt Exhibit – contact Linda Klein or Darlene Walsh – need several people per shift

Tractor Mac exhibit – 1- 2 people needed per shift - 8am – 5 pm Thursday & Friday

Children's Area – contact Miriam Hanson - 8 – 5. Thursday & Friday, 8- 2 Saturday , 1 or 2 people per shift

Children's Barrel Train – 1 person per shift – Noon to 5, Thursday & Friday

We are looking for Volunteers to help with Tractor parking for the RPRU. Open time slots are shown below. Please Contact Mel or Don to reserve your time slot:

Tractor Parking - Mel Melcher & Don Goetke

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6am – 8 pm			
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2			
3			
8 am – 10 am			
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10 am – Noon			
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Noon – 2 pm			
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4 pm – 6 pm			xxxxxx
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2			xxxxxx
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General Membership meeting 3-12-11

Meal served by Hy-Vee store of Albert Lea at 12:00. Meeting called to order at 12:45 Congratulations to the caterers for a good meal. Agenda was approved as corrected Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary report as printed in the news letter. Motion approved. Treasure report was given by Nathan Hanson and motion made and seconded to approve. Motion approved. Report given by Bruce Jensen and by Kathy Ekstrand. Everyone at the convention in Columbus, IN had a good time and much was done. Gail Suter showed the picture his wife won as a door prize at the banquet in Columbus. This was a framed picture of a farmers hands along with a poem.

Bruce Jensen introduced Bob Caloud, Bob is the National president and is our contact man for the RPRU. Bob gave a short talk. Max Armstrong will be at the RPRU on 6-22 & 23. We are receiving donations from Hy- Vee in the amount of \$1,000.00 and have been promised \$2,500.00 from Diamond Joes. In return we will put both places on our web site .

Roger Siemson reported on the auction at the RPRU 80 tractors are committed now and another 6 possible. Questions were asked about Case IH or Case New Holland sponsors. There's has not been much interest by these people when contacted. Some people noted interest by their dealers. Arnolds will bring in some equipment.

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General meeting minutes continued

New members were recognized and also members of the Albert Lea Fair board. Also present was one member from the Albert Lea Convention and Visitors Bureau. Rod Larson gave a report on the belt buckle sales, at this time there 325 buckles remaining. Rod also said he will need help at the RPRU with selling and giving out the buckles sold. Bill Radil gave a report on vendors we have 39 inside vendors and 20 outside vendors sites sold at this time. Still spots available Dave Kanten gave a report on camping. All sites are taken except for primitive sites. Some of those are not taken , there is a farmland site nearby and are available . You would be on your own at this site.

Membership report was given by Jerome Bambenek. 375 members at this time. Harry Petrowske of Good Thunder is in Nursing Home .Gilbert Dick would like the membership list on the web site with a code so only members could access it. Kathy Ekstrand gave a report on chapter registration. At this time we have 15 chapters registered for the RPRU Tractor registration – Conrad Fiskness is handling the email registrations and Mel Melcher handles the ones that come by mail. 60 tractors registered as of now. We will have 2 loaders to load and unload. We also have a loading dock. Must be a member of the National RP to exhibit anything. There are display cases available for memorabilia or other small items.

Toy report – There will not be any 1/8 Cub Cadet toy as hoped for. We will be getting 250 1/16 gold 826 toys. We will also have 10 gold pedal tractors. The report from the Fair Board and from the Convention and Visitors Bureau was that they will do anything to help us make this a success. The food vendors will be there on Tuesday morning Some of them at least. There were posters and A.L CVB brochures. Everyone was asked to pick up some and post wherever they will do some good.

Motel report was that there might be some available at a new Holiday Inn Express in Iowa otherwise all rooms are full. We will be having an 8x20 booth at the LeSueur swap meet in April. This will be for hand outs and merchandise. There was a motion and second to take this space. Motion carried. We will also utilize the outside space we normally have. Children's activities are a work in progress and not much to report at this time. Shuttles – we will have 12 shuttles from the parking areas to the fairgrounds. We have about 125 handicap parking spaces on the fairgrounds.

Ken Ekstrand on tours There is a tour to the Mall of America on either the 23rd or 24 at 8:30am and back by 4:00 to 4:30. This costs \$20.00 per person and you will receive a packet worth about \$30.00. There will be tour on the 24th to the Spam Museum this is free and will leave at 10:30 and be back by about 2:30 This is to Austin. Sandy Pearson will be the tour guide. Work is in progress regarding a tour to Farm America. There will be a quilt contest and that is still a work in progress.

Sanitation – 18 porta potties and 7 wash stations have been ordered. The fairgrounds have many bathrooms with also handicap bathrooms. The FFA & 4-H will be picking up trash on the grounds everyday. 55 gallon drums and dumpsters will be on the grounds . Golf carts- These can be used only on the fair grounds. Not on the roads outside the grounds. For use on the grounds you must have proof of insurance. Drivers must be at least 16 and have valid drivers license. A\$10.00 fee will cost \$80.00 for a full day. 5 MPH will be the maximum speed on the grounds. The question of handicap buses was brought up and will be looked into.

The Cub Cadet that is being donated will be auctioned off Saturday afternoon. We will need some special identification for workers. Special wrist bands , caps, shirts, or whatever. We can start bringing tractors and equipment to the grounds on 6-15-11. They will be parked and lined up later. Arnold Zempel is working on the Minnesota Connection. We expect the Ronning Silage Harvester and a tractor braking system. We are also working on the Cyclone planter from Kimball, MN We will be having a stagecoach and horses as a MN connection

George Weitgenant on showbooks - We have hired a photographer and he will start on Wednesday to take pictures thru Sat am. You can order individual pictures if wanted. The Paynesville Press will print 1,000 books. Lee Sackett will be bringing a 10-20 to the shop in pieces and will assemble it on site. This is serial #6448 a 1927 model. It was brought up that we could order bottles of wine and have our MN IH logo on the bottle. This was tabled and will be discussed by the Board of Directors.

A motion was made and seconded that we have our next meeting on May 21st at the Albert Lea grounds at 10:30 for merchandise and meal at 12:00 and meeting at 1:00. Motion carried. We will be having a tractor walk for both the Cub Cadets and tractors conducted by Dave Morrison during the show. The December meeting has been changed from the 1st Saturday to the 2nd Saturday. Motion was made and seconded and motion carried.

At 2:45 a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Carried

Door prizes were given out.

RED WING STONWARE

Print and complete the order form to purchase Red Wing Stoneware for delivery at Red Power Round Up 2011. Mail the completed form with your check payable to: Minnesota 15 IHCC to:

Linda Klein 3829 Gibraltar Trail, Eagan MN 55123



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY STATE AND ZIP: _____

_____	Jug Bank	\$22.50	\$ _____
_____	Batter Bowl - 2 QT	With 2 lb Pancake mix	\$59.00 \$ _____
_____	Cherry Band Pitcher 15 oz		\$26.50 \$ _____



BELT BUCKLE ORDER FORM

\$17.50 at the show, or \$23.50 shipped

Please print and complete the order form for the 2011 Red Power Round Buckle.

If you have questions, call 507-382-7753.
 Please mail this completed form with your check payable to Minnesota IHCC to:

Rod Larson P.O. Box 186 Eagle Lake, MN 56024

Name: _____ Buckle number _____
 Address _____ Check Amount _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Phone number _____
 Circle one: Pick up \$17.50 Shipped \$23.50 Date _____

The deadline for reserving your previous number is April 1, 2011

2011 RPRU toy Tractor SCALE MODELS 1/16 scale 826 Gold Demonstrator with chrome exhaust, detailed German diesel engine, and wide front end. To guarantee delivery at RPRU 2011 send \$100.00 check or money order payable to Minnesota IHCC 15 to: LINDA KLEIN 3829 Gibraltar Trail, Eagan MN 55123 Include your name address and phone number. If you have any questions **Call ERIC KOEPP 320-693-6625**

TOUR MALL OF AMERICA Travel to Mall of America via motor coach on Friday June 24 2011. Leaving at 8 am and returning at 5pm. Cost of the tour is \$20.00 (meals are not included). Space is limited. To reserve your spot and goodie bag, send your name, address, phone number and check payable to Minnesota IHCC 15 to KEN ECKSTRAND 33619 601st Avenue Gibbon MN 55335. If you have questions **call Ken Eckstrand 507-228-8655.**

Additional half day tours to SPAM museum See www.IHCC15.com for details

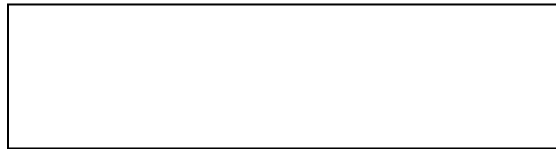
QUILT CONTEST AND SHOW Quilters, show your "Red Tractor" spirit! Viewers will choose the winner! First prize \$250, second prize \$150, third prize \$75. Entry fee is \$10 per quilt. General Rules: Open to all members of IHCC and general public, Must depict IHC brand tractor, Design must be original and not previously shown, Must be constructed by person or team entering (two per person/team), Quilts may be tied, hand or machine quilted, Must be clean and in excellent condition, Need to be labeled on back with label covered during judging, Quilts will be accepted for display and judging between 9am June 22, and 10am June 23, Must be available for judging between June 23 -25. For complete rules and application see www.IHCC15.com, call Linda Klein 651-452-5664 cell 612-810-4428 or call Darlene Walsh 320-857-2627.

2011 SHOW BOOKS To order your 2011 show book send \$27 and \$5 shipping to George and Sharon Weitgenant 1537 148th Ave NW Andover MN 55304-3457. Include check payable to IHCC MN #15, quantity needed, name, address and phone number.

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Next Meeting:
Pre-RPRU Meeting
May 21st, 2011
Freeborn County
Fairgrounds
Albert Lea, MN
10:00 Shop / Visit / Tour
Fair Grounds
12:00 Meal
1:00 General Meeting

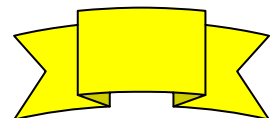
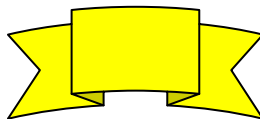
See below for details.



Future Events:

*LeSueur Swap Meet
April 29 – 20, 2011*

*Red Power Round Up
Albert Lea, MN
June 23, 24 & 25, 2011*



Pre- RPRU Planning Meeting

Please plan on attending our spring meeting at the Freeborn County Fairground, Albert Lea MN. Great new merchandise, RPRU planning, visiting with friends and always a great meal. This will be one of our most important meetings for the year as the RPRU is fast approaching. Please come and join the RPRU effort.

See you there!!!!