

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Chapter 27 Florida

Hello fellow IHCC collectors. The first few months of this year are filled with many good show opportunities. We have just recently completed our very active participation in the 30th Annual Antique Engine and Tractor “Swap Meet” during January at Flywheeler Park. In



early February we participated for the first time in the Rotary Discovery Fest in Ocala. The event was well attended by the local citizenry who showed great interest in our exhibits. Needless to say we were quite a contrast to the long horn cattle wondering down the street and the sounds from the Six Gun Territory Gunfights taking place in the Arena next door. The followed week we held our State Show in conjunction with the 10th Annual Historical Farmall Tractor Show at Paquette’s Historical Farmall Museum in Leesburg. The 25th Annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show was held the fourth week of February at Flywheeler Park. During the first week of March, we participated in the Pioneer Park Days Show at Zolfo Springs. In mid March we plan to exhibit at the Bluegrass Festival at Fort Christmas. This will be followed in April by a two day show in Fort Pierce which we will be attending for the first time. We also have the Koreshan Show in Estero and the Stephen Foster Show in White Springs during this time frame. In April we will be heading out of state to the Culpepper Tractor Show in GA; the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show in Portland, IN.; the Got to be NC Festival in Raleigh, NC in May; the Southeast Thresher’s Reunion in June in Denton, NC. We will also be attending the 28th National Red Power Round Up that will be held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa on June 15-17, 2017 that will be hosted by Iowa IHCC Chapter 5.

The weather for all our shows has been excellent so far. There has been no rain during show hours and temperatures have not been cool enough to even require a light coat. We only got wet once while pressure cleaning our tractors.

Chapter 27 held its annual elections meeting on January 20, 2017. The following members were elected to Chapter positions: Charles G. Stevenson, President; Max Favourite, Vice-President; Tony Kowal, Secretary; Warren Wiley, Treasurer/Membership; Ron Riensche, Director; Ray Nichols, will fill the unexpired term of James Turner.

Events during the remainder of the year will be as exciting. One new show has been added. Fall, winter, and spring are good times to visit Florida. Drop by to see us when you visit. Be safe.

Charles G. Stevenson, President Florida Chapter 27