

## 2003 Red Power Roundup Schedule Of Events

**Thursday, June 26, 2003**

Gates Open 8 a.m.

Buses start loading for tour of Bartlow's IH Proto-type building in Millville 9 a.m.

Buses will run every hour until 2 p.m.

Equipment Parade 10 a.m. on grounds

Tractor Games 1 p.m.

Held in the infield at Grandstand

IH Tractor Pull 4 p.m. at the Grandstand

2003 Red Power Roundup Welcoming Ceremony 6 p.m.

Guest speakers

Fred Trump-President of the Bloomsburg Fair Assn.

Dennis Wolff-Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture

To be held at the Grandstand

At the band shell

7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The Outlaws and Crazy Elmer

Comedy and Country Music Show

**Friday, June 27, 2003**

Gates Open 8 a.m.

Buses will start loading for tour of Barlow's IH Proto-type building in Millville 9 a.m.

Buses will run every hour until 2 p.m.

Equipment Parade 10 a.m. on grounds

Tractor Games 1 p.m.

Held in the infield at the Grandstand

International Harvester Collectors Directors meeting 3 p.m.

Chapter Building upstairs

IH Tractor pull 4 p.m. at the Grandstand

At the band shell

ROCKET 88'S

OLD TIME ROCK & ROLL GROUP

7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

**Saturday, June 28, 2003**

Gates Open 8 a.m.

Buses will start loading for tour of Bartlow's IH Proto-type building in Millville 9 a.m.

Buses will run every hour until 2 p.m.

Equipment Parade 10 a.m. through the town of Bloomsburg

Central PA Square and Round Dance Assn. presents the Evolution of Folk Dance

11 a.m. at the band shell

Tractor Games 1 p.m.

Pedal Tractor Pull 2 p.m.

International Harvester Collectors General Membership meeting 4 p.m.

## McCormick Founded 1847



Cyrus McCormick invented a mechanical grain reaper in 1831, patented it in 1834, and founded the McCormick Harvesting Company in 1847. The McCormick company was predecessor in Harvester, and its philosophy, principles, and machinery.

## International 'Red Power'

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1,000 models sold by their nearest competitor." Trapani said.

Case IH has roots from 1831, when Cyrus McCormick invented the reaper. The company built trucks, bulldozers, construction equipment, refrigeration, milking equipment — "everything a man in a rural area needed to farm," Trapani said.

At one time, IH was named the eighth largest business in the U. S. The company had lumber, steel, and coal mining operations that enabled them to process every tractor and equipment piece from start to finish. For instance, the forges were run with

Trapani, who sells outdoor power equipment, says the little dealers were pushed out because only big operations are desired by tractor companies.

The demise of the International Harvester company certainly does not deter its devotees.

"People like to come (to the shows) and see all the equipment, especially that odd piece they never saw before," Trapani said.

Tractors and equipment varied from area to area. The South had high crop tractors to harvest cotton and the tractors used LP gas. Because of huge acreage to be farmed, the West had larger tractors than Pennsylvania. In addition to the known models, some

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coal to form the steel.

Despite "Red Power's" popularity and size, the company went out of business in 1985.

"Not because they didn't have customers. It was sort of an 'Enron' thing," Trapani said of financial mismanagement.

Some of the company's branches were sold to other companies. Part of the company continued manufacturing trucks, which today are sold under the International name. The tractor division was sold to Case IH, which had been making orange tractors. Case IH changed their color to red.

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Cub Cadet, which focuses on lawn and garden equipment, eventually assumed Case IH's tractor line.

strange-looking pieces continue to show up at shows — odd pieces that were put together to meet a particular need.

"Just one more piece," say collectors such as Trapani, who look for anything connected to the IH company. In addition to tractors and farm machinery, Trapani collects toys, memorabilia, hats, old clothing, "no matter what — even greased-stained mechanics clothing," he said.

Trapani has collected tractor models, including the 1937 F12, 1931 1020, 1937 F20, IH 1947, 1951 Farmall M and H models, and a 1954 IH400. He figures it takes about a year, working about 10-15 hours a week, to tear a tractor apart, fix it, paint it, and put it back together.

Club members share their en-

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