



FIRST QUARTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

BUSY 2017 ENDS AND AN EVEN BUSIER 2018 BEGINS!

Welcome to the newest issue of our Club's Newsletter. We're trying some new things this time so be sure to let Dale Bauer know what you think!

Inside, you'll find a recap of December's Banquet and Club Meeting, new Board of Directors, and a new classifieds section. Be sure to mark your calendars for all the important Club Meeting dates and shows for 2018.

Missouri Allis-Chalmers Club, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP: APPLICATION or RENEWAL

(Please Circle as appropriate)

Name: _____
(please print)

Spouse's First Name: _____
(last name also, if different)

Address: _____

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Please complete this form and mail it with your dues to:
Dale Bauer, 1756 S. Point Prairie Rd., Wentzville, MO 63385
Dues are \$25 per year for a family membership.
Checks should be made payable to: Missouri Allis-Chalmers Club.

BRIEF RECAP FROM DECEMBER CLUB MEETING

Notes from Susan Bauer, Rick Maldeney, and Kevin Bauer

We had our meeting on Saturday, December 9, 2017, at the Wise Brothers A-C Dealership. Randy Grothoff began the meeting with a special thanks to Dave Backer and Family for hosting our banquet and coordinating a delicious meal of fried chicken, sides, wonderful pies, and A-C-themed ice cream. Randy announced that Dave generously donated the meal ticket money to the Club for the building fund. Many thanks to Dave and his Family for all they do to support the Club.

Randy and Danny Friedrich then led a brief discussion regarding the Club Building in Boonville. Our lean-to plans may be impacted by an MRVSEA decision to allow an Oliver building nearby. The Board will collect additional information to present at the next Club meeting at the Lathrop Swap Meet in March.

Randy then reviewed our busy late summer/early fall schedule; be sure to check out the calendar section for more information on our upcoming meetings and other A-C-related events. We are encouraged to visit as many shows as we can to show our Club's presence in the State.

In terms of membership, we have about 215 member families, some 26 new members in 2017 and 82 renewals, 22 of which were more than 2 years past due. The newsletter seems to have sparked some renewals and A-C related articles are needed. Adding a "classifieds" section was discussed and approved. Rick Maldeney then showed a map with the distribution of members throughout Missouri and surrounding states.

Some thoughts were shared regarding the size of the Board of Directors. Since our Club is getting bigger with more tasks and responsibilities, the current Board wanted the Club Membership to expand the Board by two members. Michael Crowe confirmed that the Board size is not limited by the by-laws and that the Membership could make such a change. After a brief discussion, it was decided to expand the Board by two additional "at-large" members.

Randy then called for elections for two existing positions and the two new openings. After nominations and voting, the following people were unanimously elected to their terms:

- Vice-President – Rick Maldeney elected to 2-year term
- Secretary/Treasurer – Michael Crowe re-elected to 1-year term
- Dale Bauer – elected to new BoD position, 3-year term
- JW Vann – elected to new BoD position, 3-year term

The financial report was presented which indicated a balance of almost \$1,500 for the year. The Board was authorized to transfer money from the General Fund to the Building/Lean-To Fund at their discretion. Michael's overall report was approved as well.

Randy concluded the meeting by thanking our hosts for their hospitality and asking members to help the Backers reset the workshop for that night's toy auction. The Club made quick work of helping with the auction set-up.

CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term Ends in Parentheses

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*******CLASSIFIEDS*******

For Sale

The following items are offered for sale by Darrell Darst, 636.295.0695

1. The last Allis-Chalmers Corporation Flag to fly at the West Allis plant. Price, size, condition, and documentation pending.
2. NOS black grill for 1960 D-14; \$250
3. Nice early D-14 grill; \$150
4. Cultivator for D-10 or D-12 with original paint & decals. Nice shape; \$500

Wanted

The following item is “Wanted” by Darrell Darst, 636.295.0695

1. D-21 – original or needing work – reasonable price

GROWING UP WITH ALLIS-CHALMERS

By Rick Maldeney

My first memories of farm life go back to about 1953 living on a 105 acre farm owned by my grandma and step-granddad in northeastern Indiana. The main farm crops were grain such as wheat, oats, corn, and soybeans along with a little bit of hay; with one or two cows, a few pigs, some sheep, and a flock of chickens. Dad did most of the tillage work and harvesting and our grandpa took care of the animals.

I was too small to do much except gather eggs from the chicken coop. When grandma passed away in 1955, grandpa started to cut back on the animals over the next few years. I remember butchering a hog or two one winter when I was about 6 or 7 and also the last cow that grandpa had a year or two later.

I was four years younger than my brother so he started helping around the farm before I did. He claimed he started driving a tractor when he was four years old, and I used to not believe him. I've since heard other guys who grew up on farms say similar things so I guess it may not have been unusual, and he probably was telling the truth. Dad never disputed the claim anyway.

I do know I started driving our Allis-Chalmers Model C when I was about 7 or 8 cultivating corn and beans. Dad had bought the C new from Vaughn Implement Sales in New Haven, Indiana, after coming home from the Army in WW II. I then graduated up to a styled 1947 WC which I drove while disking and harrowing. Dad also had an unstyled 1938 WC which I never drove much since I was too small to crank start it. I also spent a lot of time riding along with Dad or my brother on the fender of one of the WCs.

In 1958, Dad traded the unstyled WC in on a brand new narrow front 1957 WD45 with factory power steering from Harlan Implement in Harlan, Indiana. It came with a three bottom Snap Coupler plow, 12 ½ foot S.C. disk and four row front mounted cultivators. A year or so later, he traded the styled WC in on a used 1949 straight WD with wide front at Clem Hardware A-C dealer in Monroeville, Indiana. With the WD we then had two plowing tractors each with Snap Coupler three bottom plows. In 1960 or so, the C was traded in on a 1952 CA which was used mostly for planting corn and beans and drilling wheat or oats.

Dad also farmed for other relatives and neighbors and did some custom work on the side such as combining wheat, oats, and beans using two Model 66 Big Bin All Crop combines and picking corn with a Model 33 mounted picker. The most Dad farmed was about 550 acres but since the land was not all together we spent a lot of time driving back and forth between farms; sometimes as much as 15 miles away. I have to admit I enjoyed driving between farms more than spending hours plowing, disking, or trying to stay awake while doing the first cultivation of small corn or beans in 1st gear.

In the late summer between wheat/oats harvest and bean/corn harvest I would use the CA to pull a two-wheel trailer with a tent and camping gear over to the woods on our

great uncle's farm. Myself and a couple friends would camp out there for two or three nights and ride our bikes into town to the local fair about five miles away. The fairs always had displays of the latest farm equipment including some from the local A-C dealer. We would ride the back roads back to camp in the dark after the fair closed for the night. I remember looking at the sky and seeing the millions of stars visible when there were no city lights around to obscure night visibility.

In 1962, Dad traded the two All Crop 66s and the 33 corn picker in on a new Gleaner E, twelve foot grain header, and a two row corn head from Jailor Brothers Allis-Chalmers in Antwerp, Ohio. By that time, I was able to do most all kinds of farm work including combining small grains and corn, so we spent many days sweating in the dust on the E without a cab and freezing on it when shelling corn. The E was later traded in on a new Gleaner CII in 1964 with a factory cab and 16 foot grain header and four row corn head from Homier & Sons in Continental, Ohio. The cab didn't have a heater or air conditioning but it was still a huge improvement to just get out of the dust in the summer and the cold wind in the winter.

In 1965, after a head-to-head plowing demonstration with a John Deere 4020 and a One Ninety XT, Dad traded the CA in on a new XT with a 5-16" semi-mounted plow from Homier's 2nd dealership in Payne, Ohio. I thought at the time that the XT was the greatest thing since sliced bread. By that time, my brother was working at a factory in town so it was mostly just Dad and I doing the farming.

I turned 18 a few years later and, because of my brother's advice and with Dad's approval, I decided to apply for an apprenticeship as a machinist tool and die maker at General Electric. Dad retired from farming in 1971 and then worked as a machinery setup man/mechanic for Homier's in Payne. Homier's in Payne is the only one of any of these old A-C dealers that is still in business with AGCO, now selling Massey Ferguson and Gleaner.

After graduating from the GE machinist tool and die maker apprentice program, I worked in die repair and eventually ended up spending over 30 years as a Manufacturing Engineer in the electric motor industry. I never thought a lot about or missed farming until I was about 50 years old when nostalgia set in. So I started to go to tractor shows (mostly featuring Allis-Chalmers) and realized how much I missed the old tractors and the memories of my early farm life.

I started out collecting scale model Allis-Chalmers tractors and memorabilia and then acquired three A-C lawn tractors. After a few years, my wife suggested I get a real tractor of my own, so I bought a 1954 WD45. I have tried to fix it up like the one Dad had by adding factory power steering, weights, and a few implements such as a three-bottom plow, Snap Coupler blade, and a S.C. dirt scoop. We don't own any farm land but I do take it to a friend's farm to plow deer food plots. I have also taken it to several plow days and have driven it several hundred miles in four multi-day tractor caravans to four

Gatherings Of The Orange in Missouri and Indiana. Over the last twenty years I have met many great people from all over the country at tractor shows, plow days, and on caravans and have made many new friends.

When a group got together in 2012 and decided to form an Allis-Chalmers Club in Missouri, I decided to join in as well. I am looking forward hopefully to many more years of participation in the Missouri Allis-Chalmers Club.

*******RECIPE CORNER*******

Orange Jell-O Salad

- 1 pkg Orange Jell-O
- 1 pkg Instant Vanilla Pudding
- 8 oz Cool-Whip
- 15 oz Mandarin oranges, drained

Make Jell-O according to package directions. Let it set in the refrigerator for 5 minutes. Whisk in pudding. Fold in Cool-Whip and oranges. Refrigerate until serving.

Tips: Make sure the oranges are well drained and that the Cool-Whip is completely thawed (if frozen).

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Here are some "housekeeping" notes to help the next issue:

- write a short article about why you are an A-C fan. If you have an idea for a new feature (repair tips, recipes, etc.)
- send us a note if you're in a club and they're planning something with A-Cs. We'll fit as much in as space allows
- let us know if you have updated e-mail or other contact information; e-mail Dale Bauer at: bauerd44@yahoo.com
- If you still want a paper copy, contact Dale at 636.357.9286

MISSOURI ALLIS-CHALMERS WINTER BANQUET

Photos 1&2, Dave Backer; Photos 3-8 and Story, Dale Bauer

The Winter Banquet was held Saturday, 9 December 2017, beginning at 12 noon with the meal at 2 pm at the Wise Brothers Equipment facility and was hosted by David Backer and Family.

Following are some pictures from the gathering.

This is a view from the back of the room looking over the crowd.



Another from the front of the room.



This is some of the pies that were available (after the line had gone through the first time). They even had rhubarb pie.



There was homemade Orange Ice Cream available.



Danny Friedrich, Michael Crowe, and Randy Grothoff discussing club business...or the upcoming football playoffs.



Besides hosting the club, Dave also did table bussing work. What a "Versatile" guy.



Another view of a table of the guests.



And another table.



Many thanks to Dave and his Family and Friends for hosting us. Dave generously donated his space, coordinated the meal, and then donated the meal ticket money back to the Club! He even donated a portion of that night's Toy Auction to the Club!

During the Club Meeting, Dave offered his facility for the 2018 banquet and this was gratefully accepted. Looking forward to it already!

**CALENDAR – CLUB MEETINGS IN ALL CAPS
AND OTHER AC-RELATED SHOWS AND EVENTS**

2018 SWAP MEET & CLUB MEETING – The 2018 Swap Meet will be held in Lathrop, MO, on March 2-3. There is no admission or outside vendor fee; inside vendor spots are \$25. Contact Rick Maldeney at 636.980.7249 or dadmalden45@yahoo.com to reserve a vendor spot or for details. The Spring Club Meeting will be at 2pm on Saturday at the Swap Meet.

ILL-MO Invitational Spring Crank-Up – The Illinois-Missouri Tractor and Engine Club is hosting a one-day event on April 28, 2018, at the Daniel Boone Home in Defiance, MO. This is a new show and the club is inviting as many other clubs as possible to make it a success. The Boone Home and historical area will be open during the show. For more information, please contact them via Facebook, www.facebook.com/The-Illinois-Missouri-Tractor-Engine-Club, or e-mail, ILL-MO@outlook.com

49th Annual Mark Twain Old Threshers Reunion – This show is in Paris, MO, July 12-14, and will feature Allis-Chalmers and Rumley. For more information, please look them up on Facebook or visit their website, www.marktwainoldthreshers.com

2018 SUMMER CLUB MEETING – Join us at the Osage River Antique Power Association show in Eldon, MO from August 24-26, 2018. Our Summer Club Meeting will be 2pm on Saturday, August 25. Their website will have more details about the show <http://orapa.org> or you can e-mail them at info@orapa.org



2018 Gathering Of The Orange – Pontiac, IL August 30-September 3, 2018, sponsored by the Central States Threshermen's Reunion. This is the 55th Anniversary of the D21s debut and they would like to have as many D21s as possible on display. The first fifty D21s will receive a numbered Certificate of Registration. The club also wants to display as many plows as possible and may have a plow day on Sunday. More details at: www.threshermensreunion.org or CentralStatesThreshers@gmail.com

Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association Show – The MRVSEA Fall Show will be September 6-9, 2018 at the Brady Show Grounds, Boonville. While Case is the main show's feature, our Club will feature the D-series and "early greenies" in and around our building. We had a great turnout at the last show and need to keep our momentum going! See www.mrvsea.com for all that's happening at MRVSEA.

2018 FALL CLUB MEETING – Allis-Chalmers is the feature tractor at the 57th Annual Steam-O-Rama in Republic, MO; sponsored by the Ozarks Steam Engine Association, Inc. and the Southwest Missouri Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Inc., Branch 16. Show dates will be September 13-16, 2018. The 2018 Fall Club meeting will be at 2pm on Saturday. Their website is <http://steamorama.com/>



2018 WINTER BANQUET & CLUB MEETING – The Backer Family has graciously invited us back to their Wise Brothers dealership in 2018. Date and ticket prices will be in a future newsletter.

2019 SWAP MEET & CLUB MEETING – March 1-2, 2019 at our Club Building in Boonville. Watch for more details in future newsletters.