



## THIRD QUARTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### CONCRETE NEWS!

At the Plow Day Meeting on June 3, Danny Friedrich presented the Club with written bids for a concrete floor in the building. Danny had contacted 8 contractors, 6 indicated an interest in bidding, and 4 submitted written bids for consideration.

The bids were to the same general specification: 48' x 50' concrete floor with a 7-bag mix, sloped to 3 floor drains, and 5 foot aprons in front of the roll-up doors. Each bid differed slightly in terms of what the contractor would do in regards to removing and/or re-spreading the existing gravel in the building. The low bid was \$11,233, two bids were for \$11,500, and the high bid was \$14,500.

After considering the 4 options, the Club decided to accept the bid from Ross Townlain for \$11,500 which includes removal of gravel in building and spreading around outside. The Club is responsible for purchasing 16 tons of base fill and a check was issued for \$300 at the meeting. The floor **HAS** been installed in plenty of time for the MRVSEA Show.

### PLOW DAY NOTES

Our first Plow Day on June 3 was a good time with beautiful weather. The host MRVSEA showgrounds had a small patch that needed plowing, even though it hadn't been turned in years. Michael Crowe took on the task of bush-hogging with MRVSEA's tractor. Randy Grothoff then started to plow on his D15 and three bottom AC plow. He handed his rig over to Michael and Mike Hayden to finish up. Lots of rocks and tough dirt didn't stand up to good old AC power. The plow sure shined up!

After plowing, the Club sat down to a potluck feast of BBQ using the hog that Mark Brunjes had donated and that Dallas Johnson had prepared. Smoked pork chops, steaks, and tenderloin were the stars while Danny Friedrich prepared a special batch of baked beans; members provided side dishes.

The Club then held our meeting and discussed a lot of things related to the building and upcoming shows. Besides selecting a winning bid for the concrete (see the front page for details), Howard and J.W. Vann offered to donate two flagpoles while Michael Crowe offered to fund a third. Danny Friedrich offered a 5'x8' national flag. The Club decided to accept the gifts so we can display a national, state, and AC flag during shows.

Finally, members decided to distribute the remaining BBQ and raw sausage through a "pass-the-hat" donation. There were two huge hams; Michael Crowe suggested

donating them to a local charity, A Simple House, and the Club agreed.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$25 a year; you can see if you are up to date by checking your address on this newsletter. A number of "16" or less indicates that you are not paid up. If you've missed a year or two, go ahead and renew for \$25. Send dues to Dale Bauer.

## WEBSITE NOTES

If you're surfing the web, go to the Club website (<http://moacclub.com/>) and look for pictures from Plow Day, and the new work on the floor and flag poles at our building. There are more galleries from past events, too.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE



**WINDOW DECALS** – We now have Missouri-shaped decals you can show your AC pride with! There are three styles: two feature different AC emblems and the third has our own Club insignia. They are \$10 each, or three for \$25. We'll have them at future meetings.

**"SCREEN-PRINTED" or "EMBROIDERED" LOGOS** – If you would like a shirt with our logo on it, contact Danny Friedrich. If you have a shirt or jacket, contact Michael Crowe about having our logo embroidered on it. Prices vary based on size and color; shipping & handling will apply if you want them to mail you the shirts.

**NAME BADGES** – If you need a Name Badge, contact Michael Crowe. If you are a Club Officer (current or former) and/or

Charter Member, you can order "dangles" recognizing your status for an upcharge.

## ARTICLE: WHY I LOVE ALLIS CHALMERS TRACTORS

In Loving Memory of Bob & Pearl Friedrich

By Danny Friedrich

My family grew up with A/C tractors. My grandfather farmed with A/Cs and his brother became the Allis dealer in Boonville. My father, August Robert, and his brother farmed with their father in the Wooldridge area.

As it got harder to make a living on the farm and my grandfather's health going bad, my father went to work for his uncle at the Allis dealership and my uncle continued to farm. The dealership was called Friedrich's Implement Co. My dad worked there for almost twenty years as a mechanic and welder. If you look at Gary Friedrich's pictures, my father is one of them in the pictures.

My father took pride in driving A/C tractors in all of the local parades for the company. My father later worked for the A/C company as a district service technician. He traveled all over giving service tips and help to dealerships.

My mom and dad bought a farm by the Pilot Grove exit in 1960. My grandfather had passed away and my father had inherited a couple of WC tractors. Dad had a 66 combine, a front mounted corn picker, and a Roto-Baler. I grew up hauling those lovely little round bales and riding on the combine to watch to see when the bin got full.

My father went to the first steam engine show in Boonville and got really interested in the old tractor shows. My father attended every show from the first show till he passed away in 2011. My father helped organize the tractor pulls that the show had. My father pulled his 1938 WC in every show that had a pull. I took over pulling the WC, and then my son replaced me in pulling the tractor.

In 2001, my dad got interested in forming an A/C club. Dad tried for many years to get something started as an A/C club. In 2006, at the Gathering of the Orange at Boonville, my father and I had a meeting to see who would be interested in starting a club. Several people like Miles Wolfe and the Vann's from Eldon attended and we started to contact other people. Finally, thru Miles Wolfe I was able to contact the Voris Family from Halfway and a gentleman named Michael Crowe from the Kansas City area. Michael had been trying to do the same thing and in early 2012 I started calling everyone whose name had come up with A/C tractors.

I got back with Michael and we decided to have a meeting in December of 2012. There were around 50 people present. We voted to let Michael draw up papers to form the Missouri Allis Chalmers Club and to meet in March at a Swap Meet in Lathrop to have our first meeting for our Club. We elected officers and formed a Board of Directors. The rest has all been fun. We have our own Club emblem, t-shirts, name badges, and our own building.

The Club has grown so much it is amazing. I believe the A/C Club members are some of the best people in the world and I consider them all my good friends. Continue to promote the A/C line and "Go Orange".

Danny Friedrich

Thanks to my wife Tammy, my daughters January and Lauren and my son August, and my sister, Janet. I love you all.

### **NEWSLETTER NOTE**

Welcome to our third newsletter; we need help, besides keeping your contact information current, you can send notes to Dale Bauer:

- write a short article about why you are an AC 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 ACs. We'll fit as much in as space allows.
- If you know of an auction or sale featuring ACs, let us know, too!

### **RECIPE FROM AN AC LADY**

#### **STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE SALAD**

- 1 – 3oz pkg. strawberry gelatin
- 1 cup hot water
- 1 cup applesauce (can be unsweetened)
- 1 cup fresh or frozen strawberries (better luck with fresh berries)

Gradually stir 1 cup of hot water into gelatin, making sure it dissolves. Stir in additional ingredients and chill until firm in a mold or bowl.

Notes:

- 1.) We've used fresh raspberries, canned cherries, and canned mandarin oranges with their respective gelatin flavors.
- 2.) Sugar-free gelatin (0.3oz) works, too.
- 3.) Whipped-topping makes it dessert!

## THANK YOU – UPDATES, BELATED, AND MORE

**Gary Friedrich Parts Sale Update** – Through the generosity of the Friedrich Family, the Club received 60% of the proceeds of the parts and toy sale held on March 24-25 at the Wise Bros. dealership. The family then elected to endorse their portion of the sale over to the Club as well!

**Belated** – Wyman Nold donated two air jacks to the auction; they brought \$500 each for the Building Fund. The newsletter note-taker dropped the ball until Michael Crowe read the minutes and we realized our error. A belated “thank you”, Wyman!

**Flag Poles and Flags** – Howard and J.W. Vann donated funds for two flag poles while Michael Crowe funded a third. Danny Friedrich offered a national flag, too. Thank you to everyone helping honor our country.

**People Mover** – David Backer and family donated a wagon and theatre chairs that will be used to build a “people mover” to take part in parades. Watch for more details.

## CALENDAR – EVENTS FEATURING ACS

### CLUB MEETINGS IN ALL CAPS

- ✓ **2017 GATHERING OF THE ORANGE AND CLUB MEETING** – September 8-10, 2017: Ottawa, KS. Bring your tractors ‘cause we’re crossing the border! We will hold our **Club meeting on Saturday at 2pm**. The show is located in Forest Park, 302 N Locust St, Ottawa, KS 66067. Visit

[www.powerofthepast.net](http://www.powerofthepast.net) for more information on the GOTO.

- ✓ **Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association Show (MRVSEA)** – September 7-10, 2017: Brady Showgrounds, Boonville, MO. While the show is featuring “oddballs and orphans” this year, we are featuring the “letter” AC tractors in and around the building; contact Danny Friedrich if you can bring a “letter” AC for display. We will have our membership table in our building during the show; contact Dale Bauer if you would like to help. Having the building open during MRVSEA shows is a “condition” for keeping our building at the showgrounds and being able to use the showgrounds in general. Visit [www.mrvsea.com](http://www.mrvsea.com) for more information about this year’s show.
- ✓ **Northeast Missouri Old Threshers Show** – September 14-17, 2017: Shelbina, MO. They are featuring the AC family along with Fords and Fergusons. For more details, visit [www.nemoldthreshers.com](http://www.nemoldthreshers.com)
- ✓ **Wise Bros. Equipment Consignment Auction** – November 4, 2017: There will be an equipment consignment auction that Saturday at Wise Bros. in Kingdom City, visit them at [www.wisebrosinc.com](http://www.wisebrosinc.com) If you have an item for consignment (or want to donate a piece to be auctioned for the Club), contact David Backer at 573.642.6395 (o), 573.219.6611 (c), or [wisebrothersequipment@gmail.com](mailto:wisebrothersequipment@gmail.com)

They are located at 3361 Old US Hwy 40, Kingdom City, MO 65262 (north service road between exits 144 and 148 on I-70).



### WINTER BANQUET AND CLUB MEETING – December 9, 2017: The Backer Family has

volunteered to host our year-end Banquet at their Wise Brothers dealership (3361 Old US Hwy 40, Kingdom City). The day kicks off at 12noon with AC movies and an open house. The meeting and meal will be at 2pm and feature smoked pork, cost \$12 per person. RSVP by calling or texting Randy Grothoff at 573.690.3033 or by e-mail at [randyandcamille@yahoo.com](mailto:randyandcamille@yahoo.com)

- ✓ **Wise Bros. Toy Auction** – December 9, 2017: There will be a toy auction at 7pm at Wise Bros. That’s the same day and same location as our banquet! If you have something for consignment (or would like to donate something to be sold for the club), contact David Backer at 573.642.6395 (o), 573.219.6611 (c), or [wisebrothersequipment@gmail.com](mailto:wisebrothersequipment@gmail.com)
- ✓ **FUTURE SWAP MEETS AND CLUB MEETINGS** – The 2018 Swap Meet will be held in Lathrop, MO, on March 2-3. The 2019 Swap Meet will be at our Club Building in Boonville on March 1-2.

### MISCELLANEOUS ODDS & ENDS

**TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE** – Don’t forget the once-in-a-lifetime chance to see the eclipse on August 21. Visit the Conservation Department’s [website](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/eclipse) ([www.mdc.mo.gov/eclipse](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/eclipse)) for more

information on times, locations, and how to safely view the eclipse. Boonville sure looks to be in the path; let's hope for great weather!