



## FIRST QUARTER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### A BUSY YEAR BEGINS!

Welcome to the newest issue of our Club's Newsletter. We've had a lot going on in the last few months and in the new year.

Inside, you will find brief reports from our Winter Banquet and Meeting, updates on proposed rules for displaying tractors in our Club Building, a Member's story about growing up with an All Crop 60, and a lot more. Don't forget to check your membership status; your "paid-through" date should be listed in your mailing address area.

### RECAP OF THE WINTER BANQUET AND MEETING

Dave Backer and his family and friends hosted our Winter Banquet and Meeting on Saturday, December 8, 2018, at the historic Wise Brothers Dealership outside Kingdom City. The Backers provided a wonderful meal, shared some history of the dealership, and graciously hosted about 50 Members and guests. The Backers also donated all of the meal ticket money back to the Club; we are grateful for their generosity and hospitality.

Our earlier plans for our Club Meeting were changed due to the death our Vice-President, Rick Maldeney (see note below), and the illness and absence of our President, Randy Grothoff. Accordingly, Secretary-Treasurer Michael Crowe presided over the meeting where we decided on our "Spring" and "Summer" shows (see the "Calendar" section for details on the Meetings in Lathrop and Macon) and then elected Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Result</u>
President	Randy Grothoff	re-elected
Vice-President	Danny Friedrich	elected*
Secretary/Treasurer	Michael Crowe	re-elected
Director	Mike Hayden	re-elected
Director	Ray Patrick	elected

With all of the unexpected changes that needed to be addressed during the Meeting, the proposed Rules and Guidelines for displaying tractors in our Club Building were

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\* Danny will complete the unexpired term for Rick Maldeney.

neither discussed nor voted on. The draft is included later on in this newsletter and will be considered at the next meeting during the Swap Meet (Boonville, March 2).



## **A NOTE ON VICE-PRESIDENT RICK MALDENY**

Charter Member and Vice-President Rick Maldeney, #C160, died suddenly November 15, 2018, after our Fourth Quarter Newsletter had already been published. We attempted to notify Membership via e-mail and postcard so as to share our sympathies with his family and friends. His obituary is posted online at <https://hutchensfuneralhomes.com/obituary/rick-maldeney/>

Rick was an active Charter Member who organized the tractor ride from Boonville to Lathrop for the 2014 GOTO, organized recent Club Swap Meets, and helped staff our Membership Area in our Club Building during MRVSEA shows. His devotion to his family and belief in our Club would be testament enough to his character, but he was also very active in his church, civic organizations, and the local cardiac-patient community.

His wife, Louann, and family have donated a number of books, manuals, and other A-C related items to the Club for preservation and/or fundraising. A full list is being compiled and will be shared shortly via e-mail and our website. On behalf of the entire Missouri Allis-Chalmers Club, the Board of Directors thanks the Maldeney family for their generous donation in memory of Rick.

## **UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION**

The last few months highlight the need to keep the Club informed of any changes to your contact information. If we don't have current mailing, e-mail, or phone contacts; we can't keep you informed of "last minute" information. That's why we ask you to fully fill out an application/renewal form even if you do it in person; it can get a little hectic at shows/meetings and if we have paper information then we have something to go back to and verify.

## **CALENDAR –MEETINGS IN ALL CAPS AND OTHER EVENTS**

**2019 SWAP MEET & CLUB MEETING** –March 1-2, 2019, at our Club Building in Boonville. Contact Randy Grothoff (573.690.3033; [randyandcamille@yahoo.com](mailto:randyandcamille@yahoo.com)) to reserve a spot indoors or for more information. We've been averaging 40-50 vendors in the past and are looking forward to another great event. There will be a loader to assist with small-to-medium items. The Meeting will be on Saturday at 2pm in our Building.

**Macoupin County Historical Society Festival** – May 25-26, 920 Breckenridge St, Carlinville, IL. Their show featured A-Cs last year and was a lot of fun. They also share our calendar with their membership. <https://www.mchssociety.org/>

**“SPRING” 2019 SHOW AND CLUB MEETING** – June 13-16, 2019, at the Lathrop Antique Car, Tractor & Engine Show (2488 S.E. Hwy. 33, Lathrop MO 64465). Their Club is featuring A-Cs and invited us to have our Meeting at 2pm on Saturday, June 15. A show flier was not available at printing time but their website (<http://www.lathropantique.net/>) will have updates shortly; or e-mail them at [info@lathropantique.net](mailto:info@lathropantique.net)

**Allis Connection Father’s Day Show** – June 15-16, 2019, Middle Amana, IA. This annual show is one not to miss. For more information visit <http://theallisconnection.com/>

**Gasconade County Thresher Show** – July 19-21, 2019, Rosebud, MO. Their website appears to be down but you may be able to get information from the local newspapers as the show gets closer: <http://www.gasconadecountyrepublican.com/> or <https://www.mexicoledger.com/>

**“SUMMER” 2019 SHOW AND CLUB MEETING** – July 25-28, 2019, at the Macon County Flywheeler Show (1303 S. Missouri St; Macon MO 63552). The show is featuring A-Cs and custom tractors and their club has invited us to have our Meeting at 2pm on Saturday, July 27. This is a new destination for us and we hope to represent our Club well in the northeast/north central part of the state. For more information, visit their website at <https://www.macon-flywheel.com> or e-mail them at [macon.flywheel@gmail.com](mailto:macon.flywheel@gmail.com)

#### **More Shows to Put on your Calendar**

- ✓ July 26-28 - Orange Spectacular, Hutchinson, MN
- ✓ Aug 15-18 - GOTO in Forest, Ontario, Canada
- ✓ Aug 22-25 - Half Century of Progress, Rantoul, IL
- ✓ **Sept 5-8 - MRVSEA Show, Boonville, MO.** The main show is featuring Minneapolis-Moline this year; If you would like to display an A-C in the building, please contact a Board Member. Don’t forget that we need to have our Building open and staffed during the show. If you can help, please contact Dale Bauer (636-357-9286; [bauerd44@yahoo.com](mailto:bauerd44@yahoo.com)). It’s mostly saying “hi” to visitors and holding down the fort.
- ✓ Sept 13-15 - GOTO in Union Grove, WI
- ✓ Sept 19-22 - Lincoln County Old Threshers Show, Elsberry, MO
- ✓ Sept 21-22 - All About Allis, Percival Springs, IL

**Gatherings of the Orange** – It’s early but start planning for these upcoming GOTOs! They might be good options for future Meetings!

- 2023 GOTO – Adrian, June 23-25; Their club is trying to get a complete and detailed listing of every Missouri A-C dealer. If you have details such as dealership name, address, and if any people associated with the dealership are still living, please contact Michael Crowe (816.898.7277; [moacclub@gmail.com](mailto:moacclub@gmail.com)).

- 2025 GOTO – Lathrop, 2025
- 2026 “POSSIBLE” GOTO – Boonville; application has been sent.

## **The All-Crop 60,**

**by Melvin Brees - Columbia, MO**

Farmers in the North Missouri neighborhood, where I grew up, used primarily three tractor brands; Ford, John Deere, and Allis-Chalmers. My dad’s first tractor was an Allis-Chalmers “C,” which he traded for a Ford 8N in 1950. I grew up driving this Ford along with another 8N we later purchased. However, there were several Allis-Chalmers tractors (Bs, WDs & CAs) in the neighborhood that I was familiar with. Allis-Chalmers hay balers, combines, and other equipment were also popular in our neighborhood.

Dad purchased an Allis-Chalmers model 60 “All Crop Harvester” combine in 1951. The name “All-Crop” referred to harvesting a wide variety of grain and seed crops using different cleaning screens or sieves sized for the seed. The “60” referred to its sixty inches or five feet of cutting width. Due to the limited power of the Ford 8N, Dad purchased it with an auxiliary motor. The motor had no muffler, only a straight pipe, so it was loud! With this auxiliary motor the smaller Ford tractor did not have to power the combine, it only had to pull it through the field. The auxiliary motor was hand cranked, temperamental, and often hard to start especially if it had not cooled off--a frustrating task on a hot July day.

The combine weighed about the same as the tractor. When combining a field with steeper hills, I’ve heard Dad say jokingly that the primary objective when driving the tractor was “to beat the combine down the hill!” Sometimes the tractor wheels spun getting it uphill as well. He later added tandem wheels to the combine to help support it in soft fields and make it smoother to pull when fields were rough. As I got older, I did drive the tractor pulling the combine a few times. I remember it as a somewhat difficult and overwhelming task pulling the combine with an underpowered tractor.

Dad made a modification to the combine that was especially useful, but I do not know if it was his idea or whether he had read about it. I never thought of asking him until it was too late and now, I wish I knew. The combine came with a hand lift lever to adjust the cutting height of the combine header. Dad disconnected the Ford tractor’s hydraulic lift yoke connections from the lower 3-point lift arms and connected these to a cable that ran through a series of pulleys under the drawbar to the header lift mechanism. This allowed him to easily adjust the combine cutting height using the 8N’s hydraulics and it was a major improvement for operating the combine.

The reel height was adjusted by a trip-rope, which I remember as a “hard pull” from the tractor seat. A hand clutch on the combine motor was used to engage the combine harvesting mechanism (separator). Another rope was attached to this hand clutch to quickly disengage the combine. However, “quickly” often was not quick enough when a

“slug” entered the combine, resulting in a plugged combine and “killed” the hard-to-start hot engine.

Wheat performed better than row crops during the dry years of the 1950s and we planted up to 80 acres of it annually. We also grew a few acres of oats. These crops along with 30 to 40 acres of soybeans and occasionally some red clover seed were harvested with the A-C combine. Corn was still harvested in the ear. Some preferred the A-C All Crop Harvester with the rubber coated cylinder bars and concaves over all other combines for harvesting red clover. I can recall sitting on the wooden straw rack inside the combine helping replace these cylinder bars. Besides our own crops, Dad occasionally did some custom harvesting with the combine.

It took about two weeks to harvest our wheat. When Dad started harvesting a field with the combine, I would follow behind with another tractor pulling the wagon. If the wheat was yielding well, he might not make it around the field before the hopper (combine grain tank) was full as it held only 18 bushels. After the field was opened and we were sure he could make it all the way around, I waited with the tractor and wagon until Dad signaled that the hopper was full. I would then drive to the combine and grain was augured into the wagon.

The wagon held 90 to 100 bushels of wheat. When Dad had combined enough wheat to fill the wagon, he would stop combining. He then drove the tractor, pulling the wagon load of wheat, to Princeton (about 8 miles) to deliver and sell the wheat at the elevator. I drove the tractor pulling the wagon in the field. However, the wagon loaded with wheat weighed much more than the tractor, so driving on the highway was a dangerous and difficult task. As a 10 to 12-yr old, I was not allowed to transport the load on the highway. After unloading, Dad would return to the field with the empty wagon.

The round trip to deliver the wheat to the elevator took about two hours to complete. On a good day, Dad could cut and deliver three wagon loads of wheat. Few days were “good” days however; quite often only one or two loads were harvested if breakdowns occurred or weather slowed harvest. This process seems primitive now, but it was “state-of-the-art” compared to the stationary thresher and threshing crews of just a few years before.

Anyway, that’s my story about growing up with the All-Crop. It was an important time during my growing-up years and a reason I’m still interested in all things A-C.

\*\*\*\*\***CLASSIFIEDS**\*\*\*\*\*

Wyman Nold is looking to **BUY** operator manuals for the following A-Cs: 1936-1938 Un-styled WC, 1939 Styled WC tractors, and all 100 series tractors. He also has a R50

Gleaner **FOR SALE** with 6-row corn head and a 17 ½ foot platform. Call him at 816.378.2015 (h) or 816.262.8929 (c) for information.

Ron Eggen has a number of 2019 Calendars from the Allis Connection **FOR SALE**. You can contact him at 573.782.4485 (h), 573.694.6694 (c), or [eggenfamily@aol.com](mailto:eggenfamily@aol.com) for more information. He will have them at Swap Meet.



If you are looking for something or have something A-C related for sale, contact Dale Bauer and we will try to fit in as much as we can.

### **CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **DRAFT RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR DISPLAYING TRACTORS IN THE CLUB BUILDING**

At the direction of the Club Membership at the Eldon Meeting, the Board of Directors (BoD) has drafted a list of proposed Rules and Guidelines for displaying tractors in the Club Building in Boonville. These proposals are in no particular order and the Board will consider Member input before presenting the Rules and Guidelines to the Membership for a vote at a future Meeting.

- Displayer has to be a current, up-to-date on dues active member of our Club.
- If on steel wheels or a crawler; owner has to supply boards/planks to walk it in with a Club Member's supervision.

- Displayer will provide a drop cloth/drip pan to contain any leaks to protect the floor. Likewise, care will be made to minimize tire “scrubbing” and marking the floor.
- Only one tractor per owner unless unusual circumstance; i.e., consecutive serial numbers, etc.
- Tractor series we are featuring gets first consideration, then rarity, quality of restoration, or nice original.
- One person cannot display a tractor every year; this is to allow every Member the opportunity to show their equipment.
- Must sign a waiver of liability absolving the Club of any liability or damages.
- Must remove displays from building by a set time on Sunday or after making other arrangements.
- If the number of spaces requested exceed available space, a drawing will decide who gets the space. Drawing will be held by BoD present on Thursday morning of the Boonville Show.
- Members displaying tractors will be allowed access to the building Thursday morning of the Boonville Show, unless prior arrangement is made with the BoD for earlier access.
- Due to space limitations no implements allowed, unless approved by the Board in advance.

The final draft Rules and Guidelines presented may be edited for clarity, consistency, and aesthetics. Contact a BoD Member with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

#### **NEWSLETTER NOTES**

- For the First Quarter newsletter, we mailed a paper copy to our entire mailing list (so everyone has the list of shows).
- Future newsletters will be e-mailed to members who have given us their e-mail address and/or asked for an electronic copy. This saves postage and printing costs.
- **IF** we do **NOT** have an e-mail address for you **OR** if you asked for a paper copy; you will continue to receive a paper issue.
- Let Dale Bauer know if your contact information changes.

#### **MEMBERSHIP/NEWSLETTER CONTACT CHANGES**

Director Dale Bauer and his son, Kevin, have been handling membership applications/renewals as well as producing the newsletter for a while now. But, Dale and his long-suffering wife and newsletter proofreader, Sue, have recently moved into a retirement community. For the moment, continue to use the “Point Prairie” address listed on existing membership application/renewal cards. Kevin will continue to receive mail at that address; but once Dale & Sue’s “change of address” takes effect with the Post Office, our response time to incoming mail might be slowed. We will generate new

membership application/renewal cards once we finalize our “mailing plans” and will update the Club when possible.

Dale’s e-mail and phone did NOT change and are good ways to touch base, update contact information, or send newsletter articles.

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

We have three levels of membership:

- “8/10” – For \$200, you will receive ten years of membership for the price of eight.
- “Lifetime” – For \$500, you will receive a lifetime membership.
- “Regular” – For \$25, you will have a one-year membership.

Your dues status is printed with your address on your printed newsletter. 2018 or less indicates that you are not current. If you have a year with “8/10”, you are a current 8/10 member through that year. If you have a year with “L”, you are a Lifetime member. Contact Dale Bauer with any questions. He can be reached at 636.357.9286 or at [bauerd44@yahoo.com](mailto:bauerd44@yahoo.com)

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**MEMBERSHIP: APPLICATION or RENEWAL**

*(Please Circle as appropriate)    Lifetime (\$500)    “8/10” (\$200)    Regular (\$25)*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Spouse’s First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(last name also, if different)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and mail it with your dues to:  
**Dale Bauer, 1756 S. Point Prairie Rd., Wentzville, MO 63385**  
Dues are for a family membership; please select the level you would like.  
Checks should be made payable to: Missouri Allis-Chalmers Club.