



## FIRST QUARTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Winter 2021 Banquet/Club Meeting was a great success and a lot of important things will be shared with you in this newsletter. One of the most important things, from a Membership standpoint, is that we are using this newsletter to confirm your contact information (mailing address, email, phone, etc.) and to let you know your current “paid-through” date for dues. Please update any changes to Kevin Bauer, he can help with any Membership dues questions.

Another important thing is a change in our Meeting schedule. The Club decided to not have a formal meeting during the Swap Meet and to add a meeting to the MRVSEA show. More details about that decision are included in the Banquet recap and calendar below.

Finally, the “third” page has information about the current toy auction. It has a picture of the three toys that were donated to the Club and a form to bid with. Remember, the address you send bids to is DIFFERENT from the Membership address. Any dues, correspondence, etc. included with a bid will not be opened until MRVSEA in September. Any bid sent to the Membership address will not be considered (we’ll call you with instructions to update your bid).

2021 wasn’t the year we necessarily hoped for but we can always hope 2022 turns out better. As always, stay safe out there.

### CELEBRATIONS:

- Club Members Roy & Laura Koirtyohann (#239) are celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 7, 2022. We send congratulations to the Koirtyohann Family on this major and inspirational milestone.
- If you know of a milestone celebration that we should be aware of, please contact Kevin Bauer (newsletter) and Brian Ahart (website). We are all in the A-C Family and care deeply about each other.

### OBITUARIES:

- Club Member Gary Rutherford (Charter Member #174) died Sunday, September 26, 2021. His full obituary may be found at: <https://www.bibbveach.com/obituaries/Gary-Rutherford-2/#!/Obituary> Our sympathies and prayers are shared with his family and friends.
- Club Member Shirley Grams (Member #274) died Sunday, January 23, 2022. Her full obituary may be found at: <https://www.johnsonfh.com/obituary/shirley-grams> Our sympathies and prayers are shared with his family and friends.
- If you know of a passing that we should be aware of, please contact Kevin Bauer and Brian Ahart.

## EVENTS, HAPPENINGS, AND CLUB MEETINGS



**RECAP OF THE 2021 WINTER BANQUET & CLUB MEETING** – After a few difficult months/years, the Club was able to assemble for our Winter Banquet and Meeting at the historic Wise Brothers dealership outside Kingdom City. The Backer Family were gracious hosts as members enjoyed an all-you-can-eat meal of pork steaks, chicken (a full half-chicken), and sides. We were treated to orange-tinted vanilla ice cream for dessert...if you went hungry, it was your own fault. Prior the Meeting, attendees participated in a lively game of “heads or tails” to win a toy donated by David Backer. After several rounds, Herman Gerke won it and Randy Grothoff opened the Meeting with welcomes, thanks to the Backers, and a prayer.

During the Meeting, Randy discussed some of the improvements being made to the Building in Boonville. Concrete and gravel had been laid under/around the lean-to, the metal should be finished in March or April (due to material and labor shortages), and installation of garage/entrance doors are being planned, too. Unfortunately, the allocated budget for improvements has been exhausted due to increased material and labor costs.

Michael Crowe reported that we had a balance of around \$12,000 in our checking account, including a number of large membership renewals (lifetime and 8/10) and memorials associated with the passing of Director Dale Bauer. Michael also reviewed the minutes from the various 2021 Club Meetings highlighting that we decided to have our 2022 “summer” meetings at the Paris (July 7-9) and Montgomery City (August 18-21).

In a free-flowing discussion, Randy then presented some ideas to improve our participation at the MRVSEA show in Boonville. He noted that we have a great turnout of tractors and equipment at the show but staffing of the Building was a challenge. We were down two “regular” volunteers with the passing of Dale Bauer and there were times that the Building was left unattended. Member Larry Hynes volunteered to help coordinate a schedule of volunteers to work the Building (basically be available to talk to visitors and prospective members and to receive membership applications/renewals [watch the money until the Board or Kevin can process them]). Having a larger group of volunteers would also let people have a chance to enjoy the show, too (shifts and rotations so no-one is “stuck” at the desk). Larry was then “volunteered” to finish Dale’s term as Director.

Another MRVSEA related item Randy mentioned was the possibility of a “street party”. As MRVSEA upgrades their grounds, the former pulling track will be the new feature area meaning our Building will have a “front porch” on the major attraction. Another club has had a tradition of having live music and a “potluck BBQ” on Saturday nights during MRVSEA, Randy suggested we work with them (and other clubs) to make a true street party since the tractor pull will be further away (less noise, congestion). The Members at

the Banquet/Meeting liked the proposal and authorized the Board to reach out to the other clubs to gauge their interest.

During the discussion about MRVSEA, Michael suggested dropping a formal meeting during the Swap Meet and having a brief meeting during MRVSEA/proposed street party. By dropping the “formal” meeting at the Swap Meet, participants would be better able to “swap” and to react to changes in weather and travel considerations. Adding the meeting to MRVSEA could increase attendance/participation (especially if there’s a possibility of a party with food).

Switching back to “current” business, Michael Crowe led the election of Directors and Officers of the Club. Danny Friedrich was re-elected to a two-year term as Vice-President. Michael Crowe was re-elected to a one-year term as Secretary/Treasurer. Larry Hynes has already been “volunteered” to fill the open Director slot held by Dale Bauer. Ray Patrick and JW Vann were both re-elected to their Directorships.

There was a brief presentation about the Platte County Steam Engine Show. They will be featuring A-Cs and the broader AGCO family August 12-14, 2022. There is a tractor ride August 11 and more info can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pcsteamandgasshow/> or <http://plattecountysteamandgasshow.com/>

Kevin Bauer presented a brief report on membership activity (see below). Kevin thanked the Membership and the Board for their support and understanding upon the death of his father, Dale. Kevin offered to continue serving in a “support” capacity for the newsletter and membership rolls and the Board and Membership agreed.

Michael Crowe then presented three replica toys he had received from the Upper Midwest Allis-Chalmers Club; Michael donated them to our Club for a “silent/sealed” bid auction. If you are interested, a bid form is included with pictures; you can mail bids to Kevin Bauer at the address listed on the enclosed bid form. Bids will be opened during the September MRVSEA show.

**2022 SWAP MEET:** March 4-5, 2022 in Lathrop, MO. Contact Randy Grothoff (call or text to 573.690.3033) for information about reserving spots or other details. Note, the Club will not have a formal Meeting as a result of decisions made at the Winter Banquet (see above).

**2022 “Summer” CLUB MEETING:** The Mark Twain Old Threshers have asked us to join them July 7-10 at the Paris Fairgrounds for their 53<sup>rd</sup> annual show. Our Saturday meeting will be at 12noon or 1pm (depending on host show’s schedule) on Saturday, July 9.

**Platte County Steam Engine Show:** They will be featuring A-Cs and the broader AGCO family August 12-14, 2022. There is a tractor ride on August 11 and more information can

be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pcsteamandgasshow/> or <http://plattecountysteamandgasshow.com/>

**2022 “Fall” CLUB MEETING:** The Montgomery County Old Threshers have invited us to join them August 18-21 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds for their 45<sup>th</sup> annual show. Our Saturday meeting will be at 12noon or 1pm (depending on host show’s schedule) on Saturday, August 20.

**2022 Gatherings of the Orange:** If you can’t make our meetings at the Montgomery show (above) or MRVSEA (below), here are this year’s GOTOs. General information can be found with our friends at Old Allis News ([www.oldallisnews.com](http://www.oldallisnews.com)).

- a.) Baraboo, WI: August 19-21, hosted by the Badger Steam and Gas Engine Club. See [www.badgersteamandgas.com](http://www.badgersteamandgas.com) for more information.
- b.) Clay Center, NE: September 10-11, hosted by the Clay County Historical Society’s Old Trusty Show. See [www.oldtrusty.org](http://www.oldtrusty.org) for details.

**2022 MRVSEA CLUB MEETING:** The annual MRVSEA show is September 8-11 and we need to have our Building and surrounding area full of A-Cs and volunteers to help staff the membership and t-shirt areas. Based on Member decisions at the Winter Banquet, we will have a Club Meeting in Boonville on Saturday, September 10, at 12noon or 1pm (depending on host show’s schedule). Among other things, we will open the sealed auction bids for the toys (see below).

**2023 SWAP MEET:** First Weekend of March 2023 in Boonville.

## **OTHER NEWS**

**SPECIAL DONATION:** Our Club received a special gift from the Vintage Machinery Club based in Bowling Green. As their membership has been aging, they decided to disband their Club and disperse their remaining funds to other tractor and machinery clubs. We received almost \$2,500 from their final donation and are grateful to be able to keep the interest in tractors going.

**Club T-Shirts:** We have Club t-shirts (\$13 each) and zip-up hoodies (\$45 each). We have MOST sizes/colors of t-shirts (gray or orange) between adult **Small** and **4XL**. We have gray hoodies in most sizes (most are zip-up fronts). Both items have our club logo front and back. Mike Hayden is coordinating sales, contact him at 573.253.1775 or [mhayden1953@gmail.com](mailto:mhayden1953@gmail.com) if you would like a shirt/hoodie. If you have any ideas about additional club merchandise (hats, cozies, etc.) you would buy, please contact Mike.

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

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**TOY AUCTION:** The Upper Midwest A-C Club has given three of their annual show toys to Michael Crowe. Michael has generously donated them to the Club and they will be auctioned off by sealed bids. Bids may be made on any (or all) of the toys and should be sent to “Kevin Bauer – MO A-C Bid” at 1771 S Point Prairie Rd, Wentzville MO 63385 using the enclosed form. Bids will be opened during the MRVSEA show in Boonville and winning bidders will be contacted if they are not in attendance at MRVSEA.

**PARTS WANTED:** A new Club Member, Ron McCrerey, is looking for a block heater for a 6080 Allis. If anyone knows of a potential source for this part, please e-mail Ron at remccrerey@gmail.com

**“CLASSIFIEDS”:** In the past, we have run some in the paper newsletter, like the one for Ron McCrerey, where space permits (send information to Kevin Bauer). You can also send them to Brian Ahart for the Club’s website.

## Brief 2021 Membership/Newsletter Report

Total Number of 2021 Membership “Transactions”	77
Total Number of New Members	21
New Members Choosing Lifetime Option	2
Total Number of Membership Renewals	56
Multiyear and/or “catch-up for past dues”	6
8/10 Option Renewals	8
Lifetime Option Renewals	1
Balance are “regular” 1-year renewals	

## Newsletter Mailings

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter to all Members	~170	Paper Copies to all
2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (some people get both paper and email copies)		
Paper Copies	~70	
Email Copies	~130	

**Newsletter Note:** If your “paid through” date is 2019 and it does NOT have an “L” behind it, you are behind in dues and may be dropped from our mailing list. We do not require making up past dues (but some people do). Some people choose to pay 2-3 years in “advance”, others decide the 8/10 or Lifetime options are better for their situations. But we need Member support for the newsletter, building upkeep, and other expenses.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

Please check your paper copy and update your contact information with Kevin Bauer (kevin\_l\_bauer@yahoo.com [that’s an “L” in the middle of two underscores “\_”]) so our records are correct.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

- **IF** you have provided an e-mail address **AND** you have not specifically asked for a paper copy; you received this newsletter in the regular mail to verify our records; the rest of your newsletters for the year will be e-mailed.
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