



WELCOME!

SECOND QUARTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our second newsletter. We need help; besides keeping your contact information current, you can:

- write a short article about why you are an AC fan. If you have an idea for another feature (repair tips, recipes, etc.), you can send it to Dale Bauer.
- send us a note if you're in another club and they're planning something with ACs. We'll try to fit as much in as space allows.
- If you know of an auction or sale featuring ACs, let us know, too!

VICE-PRESIDENT UPDATE

At the March Swap Meet, Rick Maldeney was elected Vice-President. Rick fills the office vacated by Mike Fahrendorf who had to resign this office due to changes to his work schedule. Rick's term is through December 2017.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTES

There were a number of important decisions and discussions at the March Swap Meet.

Committees were formed

- Swap Meet – Rick Maldeney, Dave Maddux, and Shane Bunge were appointed and agreed to serve on this committee to coordinate future Swap Meets. This would include advertising, coordinating with vendors and host grounds, and other arrangements.
- Building Improvement – Danny Friedrich, Michael Crowe, and Trae Sayre were appointed and agreed to serve on this committee to study future improvements to our building. One suggestion was to consider adding flag poles outside our building. Another area of consideration is the possibility of a lean-to (or two) for additional storage or vendor space.

AC Combine – It was voted to keep the combine.

“Feature Within a Feature” – It was decided to feature a particular series of AC tractor at future MRVSEA shows regardless of which brand is the show’s main feature. The Case club already does something similar. For 2017, our Club decided to feature the “Letter” ACs; see the calendar section for more information.



CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please complete this form and mail it with your dues to:

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Dues are \$25 per year for a family membership.

Checks should be made payable to: Missouri Allis-Chalmers Club.

CONCRETE NEWS – SIXTEEN-PENNY FUND

You all know how one little conversation can lead to something else entirely? Well, Michael Crowe had one of those conversations at the Swap Meet and now the Club is collecting donations for the privilege of having the donor’s name “written” in concrete with a sixteen-penny nail.

For a gift of \$100, you can have your name “written” for posterity when the concrete is poured in the building. To be fair, the names will probably be “stamped” in the concrete with stencils rather than handwritten...but you get the point.

If you would like to donate to the Sixteen-Penny Fund, please contact Michael Crowe for more information. The Club is a registered non-profit so a gift for the concrete might be tax-deductible (check with your tax advisor).

THANK YOUS!

Gary Friedrich Parts Sale – At the Swap Meet, we sold \$275 worth of AC literature and memorabilia. The parts, toy, and consignment auction was March 24-25 at the Wise Bros. dealership. We sold an additional \$400 of operator manuals and such during the auction. A portion of the auction proceeds will be donated to the Club. We have more manuals and literature to sell at upcoming shows and events as well. Thank you to the Friedrichs for supporting the Club!

Rick Maldeney’s Lawn Mower – Rick donated a 608LT lawn mower to be sold during the March auction. It brought \$500 for the Club. Thanks, Rick!

CALENDAR – EVENTS FEATURING ACS

CLUB MEETINGS IN ALL CAPS

- ✓ **PLAY DAY AND CLUB MEETING** – June 3, 2017: Brady Farmstead Showgrounds, Boonville MO. Bring your tractors and implements and have some fun! The showgrounds are **open at 8am** and there is an area of the showgrounds that we can plow, disc, and, probably, plant to our hearts content. There will be a pig roast (the hog is donated by Mark Brunjes) and everyone is asked to bring chips and side dishes to share; **plan to eat at 12:30pm**. Don't forget your lawn chairs and to RSVP to Danny Friedrich, 660.888.9342 or djfred71@att.net We will have our **Club meeting at 2pm** in our building. We are getting written bids for concrete and will take a final vote during this club meeting.
- ✓ **I&I Antique Tractor and Engine Club Show** – July 13-16, 2017: Penfield, IL. The I&I Club's Historic Farm Days show will feature Allis-Chalmers equipment this year. Visit <http://www.antiquefarm.org> for more information.
- ✓ **Wise Bros. Consignment Auction** – There will be an upcoming equipment sale at Wise Bros. (3361 Old US Hwy 40, Kingdom City). If you are interested in selling an item (and/or donating the sale to the club), contact David Backer at 573.642.6395 (o), 573.219.6611 (c), or wisebrothersequipment@gmail.com You can visit www.wisebrosinc.com for more information.



- ✓ **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**. Visit www.powerofthepast.net for more information on the GOTO.
- ✓ **Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association Show (MRVSEA)** – September 7-10, 2017: Brady Farmstead 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 for more information about this year's show.
- ✓ **Northeast Missouri Old Threshers Show** – September 14-17, 2017: Shelbina, MO. They are featuring the Allis-Chalmers family (along with Fords and Fergusons). Visit www.nemooldthreshers.com for more information.

- ✓ **WINTER BANQUET AND CLUB MEETING** – December 2017: Wise Brothers in Kingdom City. The Backer Family has volunteered to host our Banquet at their dealership (3361 Old US Hwy 40, Kingdom City). The meal will be catered; watch for more information on the cost of meal tickets and who to RSVP to.
- ✓ **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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

- ✓ **"SCREEN-PRINTED" SHIRTS** – If you would like a t-shirt with our logo on it, contact Danny Friedrich. Prices will vary based on size and shirt color; shipping & handling may also apply if you want Danny to mail you the finished shirts.
- ✓ **"EMBROIDERED" LOGOS** – If you already have a favorite shirt or jacket, contact Michael Crowe about getting our Club logo embroidered on it. Prices will vary based on the size of the embroidered area; shipping & handling may also apply if you want Michael to mail you the finished items.
- ✓ **NAME BADGES** – If you would like a Club Name Badge, contact Michael Crowe for more information. If you are a Club Officer (current or former) and/or Charter Member, you can order "dangles" recognizing your status for a small upcharge.

ARTICLE: My AC Story

By Scott Bauer

I was on the grounds crew/night shift for a Corporation while going through college. One night it was snowing hard and the removal crew couldn't make it in. The call came down to "go figure out how to start those tractors and start plowing"! One of my Uncles had a Massey Ferguson on his pumpkin farm which made me the most experienced (wasn't enough!) so I climbed up on a fairly new, fully decked out AC 175 (they had a pair of them) and headed out. That was my first experience with Allis-Chalmers and the most tractor time I'd ever had in my life...I plowed all night and got paid double for doing so! The passion was born!

My wife's grandparents had a farm south of Kansas City until the government came in and built the Harry S. Truman reservoir which took out 2/3s of the farm and left the balance surrounded by water on 3 sides. My father-in-law had every intention of retiring there but pancreatic cancer changed his intentions. His dying words were "please keep the farm in the family". He had just bought a new Kubota and my brother-in-law and I were diligent with that tractor. It kept the fields brush hogged, the yard mowed, firewood hauled, and a thousand other things for this, now, little weekend farm. With both of us raising families, we lived in fear of not be able to afford the impact of theft or break-down. That little Kubota is still going strong today.

Quite a few years later, my fear met the passion that was born on that snowy night

and I started a search for a "second, back-up tractor." Went and looked at an Allis B with a belly mower but passed on it thinking the guy was way overpriced for such an "old tractor with one weather-checked tire". Several months later I bought my first B at auction (of course paying more...lesson learned), followed by a D-17 a couple years later, another B and a CA. Seems Fear and Passion kind of like to work together! On top of that, after my Uncle passed, my Mom called and strongly suggested that his Massey Ferguson be "kept in the family"...y'all know how that turned out!

The good thing about those orange tractors and having old dark outbuildings and barns, my wife often asks why I keep going in/out of those barns with my tractor...she hasn't quite noted the extent of the "switch-outs"!

Right next to enjoying my Allis-Chalmers tractors are the "Allis-Chalmers people" that I've met along the way.

How many tractors does any man need? One more than he's already got! ...and a nice diesel pick-up complete with trailer!



ARTICLE: Why I Like ACs

By Steve Harms

I grew up with ACs as a kid. I learned to drive tractors when I was 8. We had a D-15, WD-45, and a Ferguson then. I didn't care for the Fergie much, but there were times I had to use it.

I would sometimes help my neighbor up the road, who had two D-17s. Once I got my driver's license, I went over to help my Grandpa put up hay and fix fence when needed. He had a wide front WD and a narrow front WD-45.

Today we have 9 AC tractors here at the farm in Knob Noster, MO. Four of them I own myself. There are about a half dozen more of others I won't mention (not AC).

I am a collector of different AC things: Tractors, Marbles, Watches, Toys, Hats, and Literature.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are \$25 a year for a family membership. You can see if you are up to date by checking your address on this newsletter. If there is a "17" or higher after your name, you are paid up. 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.

The Club is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 organization so an additional gift beyond membership dues might be tax-deductible (check with your tax advisor).