

Orange Connection

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April General Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2015

1:00 PM

Alma Community Centre,
51 Simpson St. E, Alma, ON
(North End of Town)
Wheelchair Accessible

Guest Speaker:

Ken Thornburn

**Northern Flyer Designs &
Promotions**

**Spring Clean Up Day at Country Heritage
Park May 9, 2015**

**Breakfast at 8:00 am at the 5th Wheel Truck Stop
(Milton)**

Work/fun begins at 9:00 am at the Park.

**Deadline for submission for the
June newsletter is June 1.**

President's Message

Hello to all Club Members:

Spring is getting closer with the time changing and the Farm Show and Industrial Show now over, both with good weather to travel.

Projects, sales and shows will soon be coming with the nice weather. It has been a long cold winter with no mild days in January or February, usually being in the minus 20 range.

I hope the weather turns better and is good for the April meeting in Alma, so take care and we'll see you all there.

Thanks again.

Murray

Club Member Contacts

Club Membership lists are available to Club Members for \$2.00. Please send request to:

A-C Club of Ontario

P.O. Box 187, Acton, ON, L7J 2M3

2015 Calendar Still Available

A few copies of The 2015 20th Anniversary Calendar are still available. \$18.00 (\$20.00 with shipping to your door). Contact Leah Brooks, 519-853-0880, gathering2009@bellnet.ca or at get one at the April club meeting.

2016 Calendar Now Underway – Looking for Photos

Planning for the 2016 calendar is underway. Theme "A-C Industrial". Deadline May 31st. Pictures can be emailed to gathering2009@bellnet.ca or mailed to the Club P.O. or bring them to the meeting in Alma and have them scanned right there.

Paris Tractor Show – June 13th & 14th Featuring Allis Chalmers

The club has been invited to attend the Paris Historical Expo as they are featuring the Allis-Chalmers brand this year. The Club is considering running a tractor caravan to the show. Contact Brad McBride (519-263-3227) if you are interested.

For more details on the show please contact: Clint Worron email: clintw@halnor.com

Website: www.parishistoricalexpo.ca



2015 Fun Day – All Members Welcome!

Combine & Plowing Days – Hosted by the McBride Family in Kippen, ON.

Combine Day will be in mid August when the wheat is ready to harvest. Plowing Day date to be determined. More Details to follow.

More Gathering of the Orange Photos: Lathrop MO, June 2014

By: Calvin Schmidt



TL-B loader with a 'B' tractor powertrain.
One of 65 built.



Modified D-15 diesel (turbo added).



A nice line up of tractors.



D17 High Clearance – 1960.

Hand Made Scale Model by Art Ireland



Bill Brooks showed me this model made by Art Ireland. The miniature belts and chains are very neat.

Allis-Chalmers in Australia

By: Calvin Schmidt

As some of you might have known, my wife and I had been planning a tour of Australia for a few years and as we get older, we need to do these things while we still can. While the trip had been in the back of our minds since our three week tour of New Zealand in 2001, it came more to the forefront after we were contacted by a contractor in Perth (Western Australia) who had an interest in constructing silos in the western wheat belt. He visited us in 2011, we became friends, and as they say the rest is history.

To fly from Toronto to Perth (WA), the flying time is about the same whether we fly east or west from Toronto so since we planned to return from the west, January 19th we flew east nonstop to Dubai (12hr 45min), spent one night, toured the city, and the next night flew another 10 hr 40 min to Perth. We stayed with our friends and helped to celebrate Australia Day Jan 26th, watching the great fireworks show over the Perth harbour from our friend's boat.

It was then off on a tour of wheat handling and storage facilities in the western wheat belt where wheat is stored in tarped bunkers holding up to 60,000 tonnes each. It was not uncommon to meet road trains with three trailers on two lane roads heading to the ports with 90 tonnes of wheat. What I didn't realize until I got there was that Australians grow the wheat in their winter, planting in dry ground in late March to mid April. The wheat germinates when the rains start in late April and the winter is cooler which is also better for the wheat to grow. Harvest usually starts in early November and is finished by Christmas. Because harvest is in the beginning of the dry season, combines can run right into January- February if necessary. One farmer we had supper with farms 10,000 acres with one combine. They are happy with 35-40 bu. wheat yields and can combine with a 40' head at 15km/hr.

Our friend Andrew mentioned that his schoolmate's dad had a tractor collection near the southern port town of Albany and while having supper with Andrew's brother in Albany, I found out that it was a mainly Allis-Chalmers collection so a tour was on. The gentleman had emigrated from England 40 years ago where he grew up with Allis-Chalmers tractors. He told us that in the earlier days, American tractors were shipped to Australia on skids without tires or wheels in order to by-pass or be subject to reduced import duties. As a result the older A-C tractors have unique Australia made wheel centers and rims and most are dual fuel or kerosene tractors.

February 1st we boarded the India-Pacific train for a two day/night 2670km trip to Adelaide where we rented a car. The train crosses the Nullarbor Plain where it is so dry nothing grows, there are no trees, and nobody lives there. There is a 478km stretch of straight rail track which is the longest in the world. After leaving the Adelaide area and heading towards the Great Ocean road, we happened on another tractor museum (wife spotted this one) while I concentrated on driving of the left side of the road and avoiding kangaroos. Kev's Kollection in Kingston SE consisted of approximately 200 unrestored tractors packed into two buildings. He had a few Allis-Chalmers as well as some Australian orange Chamberlain tractors.

Unfortunately our planned 6 week trip was shorted by 3 weeks when we got word of my 86 year old father-in-law's sudden passing in Florida after finishing 9 holes of golf. We flew home from Melbourne Feb 12th after covering 6000 km and seeing the real Australia that's not seen in most tourist brochures. A side trip to Tasmania to visit another A-C collector who I had met on two occasions also did not happen.

We had great weather and since we were close to the south coast, the temperatures were mainly in the high 20's to mid 30's C. One day on the ranch in western Australia we did hit 39C which was bearable due to the low humidity but have a big hat and sun screen. While we endured the coldest February in recorded history here in Ontario, our friend Andrew emailed that Perth had the hottest and most humid February since 1955. We left Perth Feb 1st.

Hope to finish the trip in a few years!



Road train heading to the port in Albany



Unique dual fuel manifold on a WD-45
(Roger Griffin collection)



7020 with Canadian loader
(Roger Griffin collection)



Roger Griffin from Albany WA proud that a
Canadian would stop to see his tractors



English B
(Roger Griffin collection)



Aussie rear wheels on a WF
(Roger Griffin collection)



Dual fuel WF
(Roger Griffin collection)



Aussie front wheels on a WF
(Roger Griffin collection)



D-A tractor retired to pulling a commercial fishing
boat out of the water every night at Cape Jervis



Newer Chamberlin tractor (They are no longer in
business)



Chamberlain tractor with opposed engine
(Kev's Kollection)



A-C 'U' with unique rad shutters
(Kev's Kollection)

Upcoming Events

Allis-Chalmers Club of Ontario - General Meeting

April 18, 2015

Alma Community Centre

1:00 PM

Country Heritage Park - Clean Up Day

May 09, 2015

8:00 am Breakfast at the 5th Wheel Truck Stop in Milton

9:00 am Work crew begins at Park.

Auction Sale for Frank Duck

June 20, 2015

1871 M/N Ds. Rd. Ramara Twp.

Washago, ON L0K 2B0

See Flyer included with Newsletter.

Paris Tractor Show – Allis-Chalmers is the Feature

June 13th & 14th 2015, Paris Fair Grounds

Featuring Allis-Chalmers (See details on inside cover of newsletter.)

Gathering of the Orange Events – 2015:

Quinebaug Valley Engineers Association/Zagray Farm Museum

Colchester Connecticut USA

May 2-3, 2015

<http://www.zagrayfarmmuseum.org/>

Moon Lake Thresherman Association

Turtle Lake, Wisconsin USA

August 14-16, 2015

<http://moonlakeshow.org/>

Wanted, For Sale or Trade:

For Sale:

Allis-Chalmers Model #72

Pull Type Combine

With pick up "on", bat reel available.

Always stored inside. This machine was working until the big machines took over.

Contact: Blair Hillis

613-448-2294 (Leave Message)

For Sale:

AC model B made into a sod roller. \$ 2500.00 or b/o

AC model WD45 Fork Lift, rebuilt motor, narrow front end. \$3000.00 or b/o

AC model WC Road Grader. \$3500.00 or b/o

Wheel Weights \$ 100.00 each. Some fronts, some rears AC model WD45 Motor, not stuck, ran good when it was removed. \$ 650.00

Contact: Jack Langen 905-880-9976

Email: hlangen@zing-net.ca

Wanted:

WD-45 Fenders

Contact: Ken Jefferson 925-857-6881

For Sale:

100 KW 600 Volt 3 phase Onan generator powered by 1981 Allis-Chalmers 670T (426 cu.in.) engine 929 original hours. Engine used in 8030 tractor but will bolt into D-21, 210, 220 etc. Has removable cover to mount hydraulic pump on earlier tractors.

Complete unit \$3500, engine only \$2500.

Contact: Calvin Schmidt 519-656-2352 calvin@mwisilo.com



For Sale:

Allis snow blower Tracker 4 HP

Allis snow blower Sno Pro 2 stage

314 deluxe – no deck

912 Hydro with deck

1951 CA – Whole OR will part out

Contact: Peter Worron 519 647 2261.

Wanted:

AC 3 point hitch rear scraper blade.

Any condition will be considered.

Contact: Ross A. Dryden 519-833-0833 home
416-720-2662 cell

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Flags - orange with ◇ A-C logo \$45 •

Banners - orange with ◇ logo \$35 •

Calendars \$18

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