



Threshermen Times

ALBERT CITY THRESHERMEN & COLLECTORS

SPRING 2023

40th Gathering of the Orange Headed Our Way for August Show

The “Gathering of the Orange” is the symbol of the annual gathering held around the country for those who are collectors or enthusiasts of the Allis-Chalmers orange, related memorabilia, scale model toy reproductions, or the history of the Allis-Chalmers tractor.

It was in 2010 that the Gathering last visited Albert City for a summer show, and that year will bring back memories for many!

Dates for this year’s show are August 11-12-13. In recognition of the 70th Anniversary of the WD-45, and the 50th Anniversary of the 7000-Series, those tractors will be highlighted.

Before the show, there will be an all A-C Tractor Drive. Nick Gabbels of Randolph, Nebraska is the contact person for this fun event. Anyone interested in participating should contact him at 402-337-0097 or 402-360-0871.

A Gathering of the Orange Banquet will be Friday, Aug. 11 at the Community Center in Marathon. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. with cash bar and dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. There will be a short program. Cost is \$27 and reservations can be sent before August 1 to Mavis Widlund, 60162-290th Ave., Palmer, Iowa, 50571. Anyone with questions about the banquet can call Mavis at 712-358-0865 or 712-359-2454.

The annual Fun Pull will be moved to Saturday night and

will include any feature-related tractor.

In other show news for 2023, guests should be aware that there is a very small number of golf carts available for rent. Reservations must be made through Northland Auto & Marine by calling 712-852-3232.

Attendees bringing a personal golf cart or side-by-side vehicle must purchase a permit and adhere to the rules set in place by the Albert City Threshermen Board of Directors.

A permit is \$75. Handicap permit is \$25 (must provide a valid handicap driving permit).

Permits must be purchased from the Registration building located on the north end of the showgrounds or in the parking lot located east of the showgrounds.

Keep in mind, operators must be age 18 or over and have a valid driver’s license. Proof of insurance is required. The speed limit is 5 mph and no vehicles may enter buildings. No ATVs or 4-wheelers allowed to be used during the show.

The board wishes to make the show accessible to all, while keeping safety in mind for all guests. Trolley rides are available from the parking lots to the grounds and throughout the grounds including to and from the field demonstrations.



This was the feature area during the 2010 show that hosted the Gathering of the Orange and featured Allis-Chalmers.

From the Archives: 1983

About 6,850 attended the 13th annual show Aug. 12 through 14, 1983. The feature was the Case 110 steam engine owned by Dennis Powers of Ogden. The engine is 12-1/2 feet tall, weighing 46,000 pounds. Also featured were 6-bottom and 10-bottom plows that were commonly used in wheat country.

Horses were used for plowing, discing, baling, well drilling and hauling of oats.

For the first time, a sanctioned antique tractor pull was held with 86 participants. Activities and exhibits established over the last 12 years continued.

Early on, horses and the power they offered were an important part of the show. Paul and Donna Lindgren and their children have been very involved in the show.



"The boys (Dennis, Neal and Doug) were over there the first or second year when it started," said Donna.

"Dennis had a pair of black mules and they built a wagon. They've been working at the

show since then. Now, Neil's son Josh got a pair of Belgians and he has three boys that will follow."

The Lindgren family owns the farm just north of the Threshermen show grounds.

"I am on a 130-year-old family farm and there has always been horses on this place. First work horses, then riding horses and Paul had the Belgians. I came from town to the farm and had to learn fast. Paul was very active at the show. He drove trolley and ran the well digger during the show. He helped before the show and helped with shocking. He did a lot of stuff all during the year, whenever help was needed.

"Horses were kept on our grounds early on when they first came to the site. We had grounds that people parked on west of our place. I think one year, too, they used to have the horse show on our farm. That was before they had all of the land and needed more space. We still have a lot of horses here."

Donna says their family has always enjoyed being a part of the show and helping out.

"Paul just thoroughly enjoyed it and he just wanted to help out as much as possible and it was handy right here.

"To me, if this yard wasn't full of campers and horse trailers, it wouldn't be threshing. The kids and grandkids all come and we basically have a family reunion all through the threshing show. The great grandkids and the grandkids have grown up with the threshing. And they all really like it. They just grew up coming and now their families all come every year. They enjoy all of the different things that go on. It does make me feel good. It is something they will never forget. It is a blessing that they all enjoy the history of the past. And, that their grandpa and their uncles have always been involved. Our sons, grandsons and granddaughters have just caught on from the previous generation. They have seen that is what grandpa is doing, or that's what the uncles are doing. The last baby was born July 28 and where was she – at the threshing site. Another one born on Aug. 11 and she thought the show was all about her birthday party. And, now we do celebrate that with the family.



"The little kids do the pedal pull and the potatoes and not just horses,



they are involved and they like to go. The adults always felt it was a safe place for the kids to be. There is something up there for everybody."

Paul and Donna were named parade marshals for the 2007 show and Donna remembers that they were thrilled and honored to be recognized.

"I worked a lot in the food stand in the earlier days. Oh, it was just so fun to be with all the people and you get to see people that you wouldn't see otherwise. I was back in the kitchen and when you are there you don't see quite as much.

"The Laurens and Fonda schools would bring students and they would load into the horse-drawn school bus and Arlyn put his horses on it and the first year they dressed for country school and carried a lunch pail and Paul drove the bus and Arlyn told them about different things and they took them to the country school house where they spent the day. They did that quite a few years."

"I think Paul would be impressed and happy that all his family is involved. They were very important to him. He was born and raised here and his dad was born and raised here. He would be thrilled to think that now Josh is driving horses and another generation is doing this."

For several years, Dennis Lindgren entertained visitors with his jumping mule, Jack.

"I bought him from a fellow up by Linn Grove who had started to break him for jumping," said Dennis. "I went on further breaking him to jump for coon hunting. When we went hunting, I would stop and throw my jacket up over the fence and he knew it was safe to jump. He could clear 68 inches from a stand still.



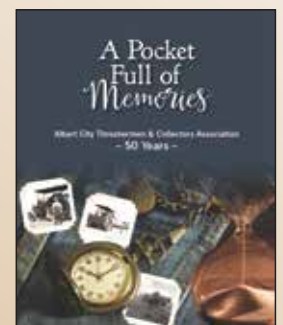
"At Goldfield, they used to have Mule Days and I won the mule jumping over there a couple times. I won the loading contest with him a couple times. We had a lot of fun with it. At the threshing show, we did it out in front of the announcer stand some years. I had a couple poles set up at about 60 inches and he would go right over. When my brothers and I were chuck wagon racing, I would put on a little show for the crowd and he loved the attention of that.

"I had a pair of little mules I bought from Jim and Bea Bailey that I used to plow and all kinds of things. They were at the first event held. I have never missed one show since day one. I have always enjoyed it from day one. I've always had mules or horses there."

Dennis also served on the board of directors from 2008 through 2010.

This story is just one of the many in *A Pocket Full of Memories* – 50 year history available for \$20. The book is filled with photos, first-hand accounts and lots of story telling of every annual show.

Get your copy today by purchasing on the website or calling the show office at 712-843-2076.



On-Site Camping Rules Updated

Primitive campsites are available on the show grounds for \$10 a night and reservations may be made before the show by filling out a Primitive Camping Registration Form on the show's website. If you have a generator, you will need to park along the north fence. Generators must be off by 10 p.m. - this will be strictly enforced.

There are also a limited amount of electrical campsites available. Camping at these sites is available beginning Saturday, August 5, 2023 until Monday, August 14, 2023. It is a \$200 flat fee to camp at the electrical sites (no matter how many of these nights you stay). In order to reserve one of these spots, you must fill out the Electrical Camping Registration Form on the website and pay the \$200 fee. Reservations are not confirmed until the Threshermen Office receives the registration form and the \$200. Once the spots are filled, we will start a waiting list. If your payment is not received by August 1, 2023, your campsite will be given to someone on the waiting list.

Please see the Campground Host upon arriving. Campground Rules are available online, as well as at the campground. For more information, please call the show office at 712-843-2076.

There are about 120 spots in the Threshermen campgrounds. No camping is allowed in the main parking area.



Be sure to stop at the Farm House during the show where this year they will feature old-time games.

Gathering of the Orange
40TH ANNUAL
52nd ANNUAL

THRESHERMEN AND COLLECTORS SHOW
ALBERT CITY, IOWA
August 11-13, 2023

Special Recognition: WD-45 70th Anniversary, 7000-Series 50th Anniversary

Caravan Ride to Show, A-C Banquet Friday Night

All Exhibitors Welcome | Showing all Makes of Tractors & Equipment

- Broom Factory
- Horse Activities
- Antique Cars & Trucks
- Toy & Old Show
- Craft Show
- Trenching with Steam Power
- Kids Potat Patch
- Plowing & Discing
- Svenska Stage
- Trolley Rides
- Operating Blacksmith
- Combining Wheat
- Tractor Ride
- Ridge Runners
- Lots of Food on Grounds

Explore Rural History!
Steam-Powered Sawmill
Walking Plow Contest
Field Demos
Tractor Pull
Parades
Visit Freedom Hall

Old Fashioned Fun!
Tractor Games
Sweet Corn Feed
Greased Pig Contest
Free Entertainment!
Kid's Potato Patch
Tractor Raffle
Craft Show

- Operating Woodshop
- FFA Petting Barn
- Children's Games
- Well Drilling
- Homemade Ice Cream
- Gas Engines
- Kids Garden Tractor Driving
- Farmhouse
- Vintage Military Vehicles
- Field Demonstrations
- Corn Shelling
- School House
- Civil War Encampment
- Operating Sawmill
- Steam-powered Carriage

Show Information: 712-843-2076 • www.albertcitythreshermen.com
2024 FEATURE: JOHN DEERE TRACTOR LINE

The 2023 Poster/Brochure is now available. If you would like some for yourself or to assist in distribution, please call Emily at 712-843-2076.

Send your 2023 membership in soon!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Couples Membership (\$35): _____

Single Membership (\$25): _____

Mail to: Albert City Threshermen & Collectors, PO Box 333, Albert City, IA 50510

Memberships to the Association are a great value! Your season pass is included with your annual dues!

A couples membership is just \$35 and includes two season passes. A single membership is just \$25 and includes one season pass.

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Upcoming Show Features

2023: Gathering of the Orange

2024: Featuring John Deere and hosting the NW IA
Antique Tractor Collectors

2025: International J.I. Case Collectors and
J.I. Case Heritage Foundation

New Board Members

One new board member was elected at the annual meeting held in December. Don Jackson filled the position of out-going member Mike Sangwin.

Board president is Gary Sundblad, vice president is Mike Rebhuhn, treasurer is Angie Smith and secretary is Branden Otto.

Emily Bonin is the office secretary. The office phone number is still 712-843-2076 and the email address is info@albertcitythreshermen.com.

The Gathering of the Orange group has shirts and hats available to purchase! The gray button down shirt is embroidered on both the front and back. There are sizes M-2XL available for \$60 each. The orange t-shirt is also embroidered, and there are sizes S-2XL available for \$20. There are also embroidered hats available for \$20. To purchase any of these products, please call or text Mavis at 712-358-0865.