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Heritage. According to the Merriam-Webster it means: 1-property that descends to an heir; 2-something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor, legacy, inheritance, tradition; 3-something possessed as a result of one's natural situation or birth.

To those who exhibit, volunteer and attend the show Heritage is one of the biggest reasons why. In just about any conversation on why they do it, an explanation includes the word heritage and the pride taken in passing along and demonstrating our agricultural past.

Another big reason why exhibitors travel across the U.S. and volunteers come back year after year: the people. The people are genuine, hard-working, and always willing to share a story and have some fun.

To all those who took time to share a story with me, thank you. I have enjoyed your stories, your cookies and your lemonade. Thank you for passing on the heritage.

See you at the show.



Three fun people out playing in the rain when a late afternoon storm catches them unloading tractors. Colin Johnson, Lynn Wenell and Charlie Widlund.



Karl Lind passes on the Heritage of steam to those eager to learn. On this day, it included: Ron Neulieb, Karl Lind, Doug Miller, Paul Fullenworth and Josh Hanson in the tractor.

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The sun sets after a busy day of threshing and the threshers sleep in front of the distant windmill.

Tractors pictured: A 1953 CA owned by the Jack Casanova family of Ramona, South Dakota and the Allis-Chalmers D-15 owned by J.W. Vann of Fulton, Missouri.

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Gathering of the Orange and new demonstrations are highlights

This year's show promises to be one of the biggest in a proud 40-year history. The National Gathering of the Orange is expected to bring over 300 Allis-Chalmers tractors, implements and other machinery from all over the country.

Two Allis-Chalmers tractors will take on special recognition this year: the CA celebrating 60 years and the D-15 celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The show kicks off at 7 a.m. on Friday, August 13 and continues through Sunday. Admission for those 12 years and older is \$7 per day or a three-day pass can be purchased for \$15.

An A-C Caravan will depart from Madison, South Dakota on Aug. 10. It will travel 197 miles and arrive at the grounds on Thursday. This is the third leg of the caravan for many participants that has taken them from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba to Albert City.

This year's show will highlight several new activities. Allis enthusiasts will enjoy watching the "Tearing Down a C." During the show, this tractor will be tore down and rebuilt.

Also new this year is an Allis-Chalmers Swap Meet located in the northeast part of the main show grounds.

The Gathering of the Orange banquet will be held Saturday evening. Along with dinner, the banquet will feature a special guest speaker and door prizes.

Special field demonstrations will include wire-checked corn planting, cultivating and picking. There will be combining, baling, disking and raking in operation along with the regular threshing demonstrations.

Many A-C lawn and garden tractor enthusiasts will be on hand to demonstrate the use of their equipment.

There will be two parades this year. The Feature Parade for the Allis-Chalmers exhibits will be at 10:30 a.m. with Arland Lepper doing the announcing. The Threshermen Parade will be at 4:30 p.m. and is open for all exhibitors.

There will be two tractor pulls. The Friday Night Fun Pull for A-C only begins at 6 p.m. at the north end of the field activities. The Antique Amateur Pull will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Regularly scheduled exhibits include a toy show, heritage doll show, petting barn, arts and crafts, vintage military vehicles, antique cars and trucks, Ridge Runners, blacksmith shop, broom factory, flour mill, saw mill, school house, farm house, horse activities and lots of food on the grounds.

For a complete schedule of events, please turn to page 20-21 for a map and list of all events. Details are online, along with exhibitor registration and membership details, visit www.albertcitythreshermen.com.



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Gary Agrimson helps save the life of rare harvester

Emotions run high when you talk to Gary Agrimson about the restoration of the Hillside Model 60 All Crop Harvester. For him, taking this gem to the Albert City show this year will be like spending time with a treasured family member. This is one event he is wholeheartedly looking forward to.

"I'm a farmer by heart, but a toolmaker by trade," stated Agrimson. He owns and operates Agrimson Tool Company in Brooklyn Park, Minn. where he has been designing and manufacturing custom parts since 1975. The business makes a variety of custom parts serving the military, to the medical industry. And, of course, when time allows there is usually a tractor project going on in the corner.

He grew up on a dairy farm in Southeast Minnesota and attended Dunwoody before apprenticing for six years in Golden Valley, later taking his life savings to start his own company. He currently has two employees. Learn more about his company at www.agrimsontool.com.

HILLSIDE MODEL 60



The Hillside 60 has self-leveling cleaning shoe-pendulum balance weights that regulate the position of the shoe in relation to the slope.



The Hillside Model 60 coming to the show is owned by Joe Graunke of Clayton, Wisc. It was Agrimson and Graunke that ventured to Washington State in 2006 to pick up the Hillside 60. They believe it is the only one in existence today. It was made in 1940 and only about 350 of these combines were built and sold. They were designed for use in the Pacific Northwest where wheat is grown on very steep hills. Some of the standard features were a 125-cubic-inch engine, tandem wheels with Timkin bearings, an upper straw walker and a self-leveling cleaning shoe with a control for regulating the amount of air that went into the shoe. It also included a hydraulic pump and cylinder for controlling the header position. The reel, header, cylinder



Gary Agrimson at his shop in Brooklyn Park, Minn. where he designs and manufactures custom parts.

concave, straw rack and grain bin are the same as any other 1940 All-Crop combine.

The combine was taken apart for the trip from Washington. Rebuilding included installing the hitch, the wheels and the header. A rebuilt motor was also installed. The upper straw walker was missing but was rebuilt from an advertising picture. The Hillside was first exhibited at the Orange Spectacular in July 2006.

FERRIS WHEEL BALE LOADER

Agrimson plans to bring another rare exhibit to the show. The Ferris Wheel Bale Loader is the only one known to exist and was found north of Cambridge, Minn. "I don't know anything about it," stated Agrimson. "It has no manufacturing tag, no ID, and no date. It's so simple. It only has two moving parts on the whole thing." The two-wheeled machine pinches the bale, picking it up and handing it to the farmer.

"We're really looking forward to running these machines at the show," he said. The Hillside is stored at the All Crop Harvester Museum near Hubbard, Iowa. "We saved it from the junk yard and I am very attached to it. I don't know how to explain it." He continued, "To everyone else it may be just a piece of machinery, but to me it is my family. I have invested a lot of time and money in it and when I think of it it brings back all the memories of the work done on it. It's all original and its not real pretty because it sat outside for 60 years. But, it's the only one."

Graunke will attend the show also and they plan to hook up the Hillside to an M Crawler to do some harvesting. They are looking forward to having it at the show. It will be a chance to relive a childhood and share the pride in their restored equipment. "I put in my request for a hill at the show. We'll see how they are coming with that," laughed Agrimson.

Hill or no hill, this is one field demonstration you won't want to miss.

Visitors can relax and enjoy a variety of entertainment

Locally known musician Kevin Lind looks forward to returning to the area to entertain during the 40th Anniversary Show. He grew up in Laurens and has attended the show many times enjoying the great atmosphere and antique tractors.

"Duet in Time" will entertain on Saturday afternoon and evening. The group includes Lind and Jeff Backoven. They will perform Saturday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

Lind and Backoven are both from Des Moines where Lind is a commercial contractor and Backoven owns and operates Iowa Massage Therapy.

Duet in Time is a Las Vegas review style show. They will do songs that cover a span of six decades dating back to the Big Band era of the 30's and 40's with some Sinatra tunes then to the great nostalgic 50's and 60's tunes from artists such as the Beach Boys, Elvis Presley, Bobby Darrin and Roy Orbison. They cover Billy Joel, Elton John to more contemporary artists such as Nora Jones.

Thanks to a family influence and that of his sister Terry Benson, Lind began singing professionally just out of high school in 1973. Backoven began performing at the age of six in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The group has traveled all over the U.S. including Alaska and most recently performed in Emmetsburg and Perry, Iowa.

Lind's wife, Chris, works at Marsh in Urbandale. They have four children: John living in Fort Dodge, Iowa; Nicholas living in Long Beach California; Abby just finished her first year of medical school and lives in Des Moines; and McKenzie who will attend seventh grade at Urbandale Middle School.

Backoven has three children. Twins, Cory of Des Moines and Carrie of Cedar Rapids, and Candy who lives in Arkansas. Backoven's wife Joe is a nursing instructor in Des Moines.

"I am looking forward to seeing friends, relatives and getting back to my northwest Iowa roots," stated Lind. Looking ahead to the next 40 years of the show, Lind has a grand expectation for the show. "This is one of those events like the Iowa State Fair that seems to get bigger and better every year," he said. "By 2050, Iowa will be the agricultural center of the U.S. and the Threshermen's Show will be on everyone's calendar to attend."

Other entertainment includes:

Roberta Bochtler from Storm Lake, Iowa who will provide story-telling starting at 12:15 on Friday.

Also on Friday, music and dance will be provided by ABIDE. This group will perform at 1:30 Motown, Oldies and Gospel.

Cletus Goblirsch from New Ulm, Minn. will play accordion on Saturday at 12 noon and 2 p.m.

On Sunday, the Albert City Community Band will perform at 12 noon. They will be followed by the Larry Dunbar Magic Show at 1:30 p.m.



Cletus Goblirsch playing accordion.

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Model dealership provides many memories for Mike Richter

Mike Richter of Watertown, Wisc. has never been to the Albert City Threshermen's Show, but is always looking for new places to go. He especially enjoys reconnecting with his A-C friends, many of whom he has become quite close. "Mostly I'm looking forward to meeting everyone at Albert City and looking at the farm equipment used in different parts of the country," said Richter.

Richter will be bringing a model of his grandfather's Allis-Chalmers and New Holland dealership that he operated for 42 years. His grandfather passed away in the spring of 1988 and Richter started collecting A-C and New Holland items shortly after that. For him, collecting toys made it easier to get into the hobby rather than collecting full-size equipment. He will also bring a B-10 garden tractor with several implements.

For nearly 33 years, Richter has worked as a fork lift opera-



tor at Wis-Pack, Inc. which is an independent canner of Pepsi products. He unloads empty cans and bottles from delivery trucks and sets them up for production runs. In his spare time he collects a variety of farm toys.

The model dealership is very special to Richter because it shows his family's business and brings back the memories of the people, places and times that have been a big part of his life. He also collects toy Ford trucks such as Tonka and Nylint, IH and TruScale toys and toy cars such as Mustang and NAS-CAR.

Richter tries to attend a couple of collectors shows each year. He enjoys going to the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, Minn. because he likes the area and it was the first show that he started displaying his toys and where he first met many of his A-C friends. He also enjoys going to the Gathering of the Orange shows when they are close enough and fit into his vacation schedules.

His advice to other collectors, is to simply enjoy what they are doing and be willing to share. He especially likes to see the faces on little kids when they see his display and he enjoys talking about how he built a toy or a building with young collectors. At a show 40 years in the future, "What I would hope to see is the younger people take over these shows and keep them going to keep the ag lifestyle and the heritage of country life," said Richter. "As a city boy, I really enjoy these shows, so I hope they keep going!"

For traveling, his display is built in sections so it fits easily into the back of his pickup truck. "I have it down to a science," he said. "People are surprised to see how much stuff I can fit into the back of my truck!"



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Don't be fooled by its color, this green tractor is an A-C

David and Deb Harrington will leave the small town of Western, Nebraska and head to this year's show with an Allis-Chalmers 1925 Model L 15-25. The L is one of only 1700 made with very few known to exist today. It is one of only five models that were painted green.

The L took two years to restore. "We did not keep track of the hours as it is hard when you do a little time here and there," said Deb. "When we first found this tractor at a salvage yard in Minnesota we called several A-C friends to see if they knew where we might be able to get parts. They told us they knew where there was a parts tractor. So we bought the tractor then found out their parts tractor was the one we bought. We were all talking about the same tractor!"

The Harrington's enjoy learning about the Allis-Chalmers way of life, their innovations and their diversity. David enjoys the challenge of taking the old tractors that do not run and making them run again. Doing the research to find out what they were like when new. "Attending shows or on the Internet there is a great camaraderie among collectors," they said. "We have caravanned with four other couples to several shows and enjoyed many adventures along the way."

The Harrington's started collecting in 1989 and prior to that were involved in tractor pulling for 16 years. "We thought it would be nice to preserve the history of the older tractors," said David. "It is really interesting to learn the history of Allis-Chalmers and all the different activities they were involved in."

The Harrington's collect other models of A-C, some that are restored and others that are waiting to be restored. They also have trail bikes that cost more per pound to restore than their L model. They use older A-C model garden tractors to mow and do garden work.

David and Deb travel to several shows near their home and try to make the 'Gatherings'. They have been to the Albert City show in the past, but this year look forward to joining their extended A-C family and enjoying the reunion with other A-C collectors. "We have made many A-C collector friends. Each



Deb and David Harrington with their restored 1925 Model L 15-25.

show is like a family reunion," concluded Deb.

David is a diesel mechanic for Wells Implement, Inc., an AGCO dealer in Plymouth, Neb. He has worked there 39 years. Deb works for Farmland Foods in Crete, Neb.

Looking ahead for the 80th anniversary of the Albert City Show, the Harrington's hope there will still be collectors with older tractors doing demonstrations of how the equipment was originally used.



The Model L 15-25 as they found it at Biewer's Tractor Salvage in Barnesville, Minnesota. After the snow melted enough, the Harrington's could get the tractor. The hood had been used as a cement chute.

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A desire to keep the heritage alive makes these antique engines run

Joe Kopp of Rochester, Minnesota will be displaying six antique gas engines this year. He has always had an interest in old gas engines and was introduced to antique gas engines years ago. His original collection included two gas engines, a McCormick-Deering and a Stover. Over the years, his hobby has grown to a collection of 1-1/2 hp to 3 hp displayed on a trailer.

"I have always had an interest in the antique gas engine. It is simple and interesting to watch run," stated Kopp. "I don't have any specific engine but enjoy having a variety of models in my collection. They are all my favorites."

The collection includes a 3 hp Minnesota-built Stickney dated 1913; a 3 hp IHC; a 1-1/2 hp McCormick-Deering; a 3 hp Empire; a 3 hp Domestic and a 2 hp Peerless dated 1908. Kopp has the engines mounted on a 16-foot trailer so it is easy to watch them run. He has also slowed them down to make it easy to watch the moving parts.

Kopp has been collecting engines for about 15 years and has been attending threshing and power shows for 13 years. He also has a 1955 Chevy Bel Air that he enjoys as a hobby and taking to car shows. He has put in countless hours of restoration on the engines. Work includes cleaning, adjusting, tinkering and traveling. "But, its worth every minute of it to restore our heritage and to share what I know to others who are interested."

He has been to the Albert City Show for five years and has been pleased with the many displays and working demonstrations, the activities with farm equipment, horses and tractors. "The activities and demonstrations show how our grandparents farmed," said Kopp. "I enjoy the people and the friendly atmosphere. I enjoy the interest of the people who come to visit. Many ask questions and I enjoy visiting with them. Of course, I enjoy watching the demonstrations, too." Kopp will be joined by a good friend at the show and plans to meet up with other good friends too.

Kopp grew up on a farm and enjoys talking to others about farming experiences. "It's neat to have someone come up and say, hey, I remember having one of those on the farm." He gives credit to others who come and talk about their experience on their father's farm. These are people who love to relive how they grew up. "I love to listen and learn from others," said Kopp. "Let's do all we can to keep the heritage going. It's



those folks who got us where we are today. The industry and technology grew from what they built and did to make a better life for us."

For 23 years, Kopp worked for IBM as an electronic engineer technician and currently works for Target as a Facility Technician. He has two daughters, the oldest a business manager in Colorado and his youngest who just completed her college degree in the missionary field.

You will see Kopp traveling to many other shows. He supports and works at the Little Log House Show in Hastings, Minn. He runs two 18-ton 300 hp Worthington generators and displays a 15 hp Joesph Reid engine at the Engine Shed. He also displays at Root River Antique Historical Power Assoc. in Racine, Minn.; Days of Yesteryear in Rochester, Minn.; Nowthen Threshing Show in Nowthen, Minn.; Le Sueur Pioneer Power Show in Le Sueur,

Minn.; Rice County Steam & Gas Engine Show in Dundas, Minn.; Stearns County Pioneer Club Threshing Show in Albany, Minn. He has also traveled to shows in Pennsylvania, Indiana, and Iowa.

The biggest menace in traveling to shows can be the rain. Kopp likes to keep his collection clean and well oiled. Traveling down the road in the rain drives moisture into ignition systems and carburetors no matter how well they are covered. "Some days can be a hobby day when all runs well, or a career day when nothing wants to cooperate and you spend a day fixing something."

Rain or shine, you'll find Kopp and his antique gas engine display at this year's show.

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Arland and Carolyn Lepper will share their prized A-C Model 20-35

It was the fall of 1989 when Arland Lepper visited with his dad and they decided to find an old Allis-Chalmers WC to restore. They found one at a sale in Fort Dodge, Iowa and within a few hours, his dad had it running.

Their next find was a Model RC from 1939. It had been his father's first new tractor. His dad was able to drive it out of the shop in February 1991 and passed away in the fall of that year. By that time, Arland was hooked.

Arland and his wife, Carolyn will bring their prized A-C 20-35 Special to this year's show. He found the tractor in Salinas, Kansas and started restoration in 1994. His purchase included the original bill of sale. The "special" model was sold for \$200 extra and included a canopy, exhaust, whistle and an extra 10 hp. There were only 300 of them made and they were

sold for \$1885. "It's been a joy to own," said Lepper.

The Model 20-35 is a green A-C tractor. According to Lepper, A-C was green from 1914 to 1929 with the Model U being the first orange tractor. It was painted with Persian orange until 1973 when the color was changed to Corporate orange.

Lepper is retired from his car and truck repair business that he operated on his farm near Hubbard, Iowa for the last 23 years. Prior to that he worked at the Farmer's Coop. They live



Carolyn and Arland Lepper with their 1926 A-C Model 20-35.

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on his family's original farm which was first purchased in 1897 for \$31.50 an acre. He now owns all of the original 160 acres and feels very fortunate to do so. "I know my dad would be proud," he said.

The Leppers have two sons, one living in Ames, Iowa and one in Branson, Missouri.

The Leppers were at the Albert City Show in 2000 and are looking forward to a really great show.

"We've made so many good friends," said Carolyn about their A-C collecting and traveling. "It's like going to a family reunion."

Arland added, "These are unbelievably wonderful people. Where do you get finer people?"

One of Leppers other passions has been to collect and create binders to hold all of the Allis-Chalmers sales literature.

"I'm feeling pretty lucky to have all these," said Lepper as he showed off several big black binders full of literature. He has all the literature for every model from 1914 to 1985 and all the sales literature for the All-Crop Harvester and the Gleaner.

All-Crop Harvester Museum

Along with Lepper, LuVerne Maisel joined to establish the All-Crop Harvester Museum located near Hubbard, Iowa in 2001.

Here you will find about 15 machines-one of every model made and each one in running condition.

Maisel said, "It's kind of crazy. We have one of every model built. It's unheard of."

All-Crop Harvesters were made from 1935 to 1969. According to Lepper, in 1931 A-C took over Advance Rumely



Arland Lepper shares details about one of the All-Crop Harvesters displayed in the museum near Hubbard, Iowa.

with headquarters in LaPorte, Indiana. In the early 30's they dumped the idea of using bristles and designed rubber on rubber. By mid-1935 they were ready to produce and introduced the All-Crop. It was good for many crop types and especially for small seeds. They cornered the combine market from '37 to the mid 50's. The machines were at a lower price, very dependable and did good work. The last model was built in 1969.

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In its 27th year, Gathering of the Orange heads to Albert City

The Gathering of the Orange is held twice each year in various parts of the United States and Canada, generally as part of an established antique tractor event. Gathering of the Orange began in 1983 when a group of Allis-Chalmers collectors met in Freeport, Illinois, to show off their orange line. In the years to come, their enthusiasm only grew, and the first GOTO was held in 1988. Early shows were in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Illinois. The Gathering of the Orange marked its 25th anniversary in 2008.

For the first time, two GOTO's were held in 1994, in Ontario, Canada, and Le Sueur, Minnesota. Along with the 2010 show in Albert City, Iowa, a GOTO was held this past April in Gray, Tennessee.

Each GOTO is unique, whether it's the locale or a special feature, whether it's field demonstrations, tractor teardowns, history walks or mechanical presentations.

The name Gathering of the Orange is owned by David and Heidi Clausen who publish *Old Allis News*. They purchased



both in 2008 from former owner and publisher Nan Jones of Michigan. *Old Allis News* and the GOTO's are part of their overall business, Landhandler Enterprises, Inc. located in Clayton, Wisc.

Clausens have had a long involvement with A-C and publishing. Dave grew up around A-C tractors and has been a collector for many years, serving a couple years on the board of the Upper Midwest A-C Collectors Club. Heidi has almost 17 years' experience in the agricultural publishing industry. She is the north-west Wisconsin regional editor for *The Country Today* weekly newspaper. They attended their first GOTO in 1994 at Le Sueur, Minnesota.

"Each year the GOTO hosting shows set new records for tractor feature participation which is quite a credit to the A-C enthusiasts out there," commented Dave.

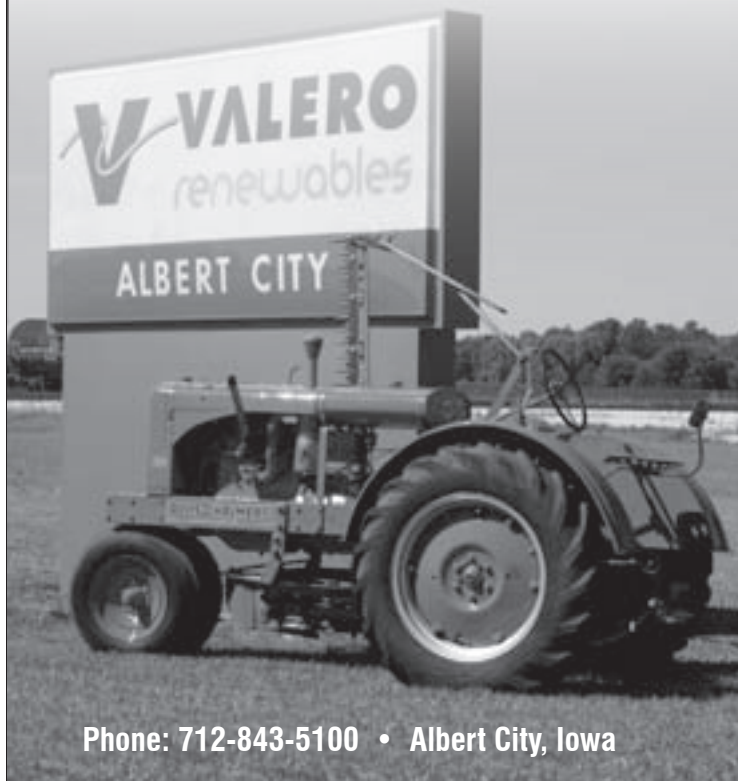
The Gathering of the Orange Shows are open to everyone. Most people are attracted to the shows because of an interest in Allis-Chalmers tractors, equipment and its history. Many people come for the camaraderie with the other collectors. According to Clausen, A-C people tend to be an active and close-knit bunch, often willing to travel long distances to get together and have some fun.

Upcoming shows include Feb. 23-26, 2011, with the Florida Flywheelers Antique Engine Club in Fort Meade, Florida; July 22-24, 2011, with the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, Minnesota; July 12-15, 2012, with the Miami Valley Steam Threshers Association in Plain City, Ohio; and Aug. 17-19, 2012, with the Minnesota Valley Antique Farm Power and Machinery Show in Montevideo, Minnesota.

For more information on GOTO or to subscribe to *Old Allis News*, please contact Dave and Heidi at (715) 268-4632 or oldallisnews@amerytel.net, or mail any correspondence to: *Old Allis News*, 471 70th Ave., Clayton, WI 54004. A one-year subscription to *Old Allis News* is \$25 (U.S.).

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Food has always been a part of the Threshermen's Show and this 40th year will continue and expand on that.

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To address the expanded crowd this year, there will be a new food stand on the north end of the grounds offering pulled pork sandwiches, ice cream treats, chips and pop.

It takes about 100 volunteers to pull off serving all of the show visitors. There are volunteers who bring pie, and many who come to cook and serve the meals.

Other food items

The snack stand located in the registration building offers stuffed baked potatoes, polish sausage, popcorn, and candy bars.

Robert & Beverly Duckstein from Pasco, Wash. will cook up Kettle Korn again this year.

Located in the middle of the tractor displays you will find

the Feed Bunk. Here is the place for rib-eye steak sandwiches and pork burgers which are served by the County Pork Producers and Beef Producers.

On the south end of the grounds, the youth groups will serve pizza, funnel cakes, pop and lemonade.

The Laurens Kiwanis Club will serve a pancake breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday.

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Widlunds to serve as Parade Marshals for A-C Feature Parade

Charlie and Mavis Widlund have been working for nearly four years on this year's show and will be honored as Parade Marshals during the Allis-Chalmers feature parades.

Over the years, planning and organizing for the show has included many phone calls, visits and conversations with other A-C enthusiasts.

One goal is to have at least 300 A-C tractors including rare and unique machinery that will be new to the show. One of the biggest challenges is tracking what is coming and figuring out what else needs to come.

"We want to have a large variety," said Charlie. "We want the rare items and late model tractors as well. The fun part is talking to people from all over the country. People call from

all over and want to know what is going on. We try to engage people about the show and keep them motivated. Exhibitors take a lot of time and money to attend and they are great to work with."

Another rewarding part for Charlie has been the family relationships strengthened in the process. "My son-in-law has been helping me work on tractors every weekend since April. He's been great and it's been great to work together."

Widlund has been around Allis since he was young, and started collecting in the mid-70's. They farm 1,000 acres near Palmer, Iowa.

They travel to many shows and enjoy the friends who have now become an extended family.

The Widlunds are looking forward to some of the special events planned and are eager to see it all happen. There will be the tearing down of a "C"; garden tractor demonstrations; corn picking, cultivating, and planting; and of course Charlie is making sure there will be at least one A-C thresher on hand.

"We want everyone to have a great time," said Mavis. "We want everyone to leave the show with at least one very special memory of this year's event."



Mavis and Charlie Widlund unload one of many tractors they'll have at the show.

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Long-time volunteers Lussmans named Parade Marshals

For over 20 years, Willis and Lorna Lussman have been working at the Threshermen's Show. It was 1987 when they quit the dairy business and finally had the time to enjoy other activities.

Over the years, Willis has helped in getting the show site prepared and started the blacksmith shop. "Two weeks ahead of the show the site is going like gang busters," he said.

With the shop, he takes responsibility to find the blacksmiths, get the materials and set up the shop each year. The shop continues to grow, last year having 10 blacksmiths creating a variety of items.

Lorna works each year in the communications center which is located in the old gas station. From here she makes announcements and answers questions from visitors. She gets a variety of questions, but over the years has learned the answers and has enjoyed having the chance to meet the people.

"What I enjoy is the working show," commented Willis. "There is so much more than just static items. It gives a real demonstration of how things were."

The Lussmans are avid Oliver and Hart-Parr collectors. They have 15 restored tractors but will be unable to bring any to the show this year. Last winter the roof of their storage building went down with a snow load and broke up many of the tractors.

"It was one of the worst days and one of the best days," said Lorna. Willis had just been in the building seconds before the roof came crashing down. According to Willis, "I had been working in the shop and heard a noise. I turned off the propane and the power and started walking to the house. Within seconds the roof came down."

The building has now been repaired and the work has started on restoration of the tractor collection. After 58 years of marriage, Lorna is very happy that Willis made it safely away from the disaster.

The Lussmans laugh about their years together and how well they now know each other.

"We know what the other one is thinking. After that many years together you really do start to think alike," said Lorna. "It's when they say you start to look alike—that's scary!"

After running the dairy operation and farming since 1954, they now enjoy having time to travel to other farm shows.



Willis holds his first toy tractor—a gift from Lorna—that started his large collection.

"We've been to many shows without taking tractors," said Willis. "We enjoy going to meet the people. We have met some very neat people from Canada and New Jersey, all over. And, it's fun to learn about farming operations around the country."

All of the tractors in their collection are special, but a couple of them stand out. He has a Model 1836 Hart-Parr, the forerunner of the Oliver. This is the tractor he could remember hearing run as a kid. He

also has a 1930 Oliver that his uncle bought brand new.

Volunteering at the annual threshing show is just one of the things that keep the Lussmans on the go. They enjoy playing cards and travel around the area to go dancing, an activity they have always enjoyed. Lorna says any lively dance will get them on the floor—a polka, fox trot or waltz will do just fine. They enjoy doing other family and church-related things also.

"We have to stay active," said Lorna. "He turned 80 in April and we just gotta keep going. We have also been blessed with a wonderful family."

They have two sons, one in Michigan and one in Fort Dodge, Iowa; and a daughter living in Albert City.

For Lorna, the most rewarding part of working at the show is when someone comes up and says they have enjoyed the work that has been done and they have enjoyed the show.

"We are just thrilled to death to volunteer at the show. It's such a good group," said Lorna. "Everyone has been fantastic."

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Father-son team looking forward to attending GOTO in Iowa

J.W Vann and his father Howard will be traveling from Missouri to attend this year's show. J.W. will bring an Allis-Chalmers D-15 Series 2 Gas Snap Coupler with a factory narrow front. If all goes well, he will also bring an Allis-Chalmers D-15 Series 2 Diesel wide front with factory 3-point. Howard plans to show an Allis-Chalmers CA with factory adjustable wide front.

J.W. says he is an eye doctor by trade and training, but a farmer and tractor-nut by passion. Howard is retired after 40 years as a business owner in the building materials industry. He now cares for his rental properties and works on old Allis tractors.

J.W. started collecting in 2000. He grew up in the hay field with his grandfather who custom baled across the county with Allis-Chalmers D14, D15, 160, and Roto-baler. He also used a New Holland 273 square baler.

"We baled tens of thousands of bales between 1970 and 1978 before his death that year. I loved farming and running A-C equipment," said J.W. "I went on to school, marriage, family and career, but the farming never left my heart and soul. As I got older, I began looking for something that did not just involve the normal responsibilities of work and family. When a good friend of mine died, one of his friends that I got to know introduced me to John Deere collecting and restoration. I simply came home one night and told my wife that I had rediscovered what I was intended to do in my spare time.

"I got my dad involved and we have been passionately pursuing the old orange ever since. My father grew up farming with A-C's because his dad did custom combining for farmers in the area with an All-Crop 66 and a WD45. We have today my maternal grandfather's A-C 160 and my paternal grandfather's A-C WD45, as well as many other old A-C's."

Their collection is all orange except for a perfect one-row New Idea pull-type corn picker they could not pass up.

J.W. says his D15 gas NF has a unique story. It was restored about 7-8 years ago and then left sitting in a barn after the sudden death of its owner. It was never displayed. "Dad and I thought it was time to let it have its glory. We took it to the Gathering of the Orange in Madison, South Dakota last year. That is where it was selected to be photographed for promoting the Albert City GOTO in 2010," said J.W.

"Second, the D15 Diesel with factory three-point came from Indiana where a father and son mostly restored it mechanically; donated it to their church; and then it was auctioned off as a fund-raiser. I have only seen three D15 diesels in my life. Two were Series 1 and this is the only Series 2 that I have seen. I am sure more exist, but they are unique, especially with factory three-point."

He continued, "Thirdly, my dad's Allis CA is not that uncommon, but it is unique because it has the square adjustable wide front from the factory. Most CA's were narrow front and a lot of the wide fronts were not adjustable factory setups. It is a local tractor from central Missouri that Dad bought from



a good collector friend."

The Vanns have never been to the Albert City Show, but planned to attend the GOTO here because it is close. After their tractor was selected for promoting, they were even more encouraged to attend. They are both excited about attending tractor shows and in particular are looking forward to the GOTO. They always attend the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, Minn. They also go to Dale's in Paris, Ill., the Missouri River Valley Steam Engine Association show in Boonville, Missouri and a local show in Eldon, Missouri.

For J.W. his A-C collection is a personal passion and a family hobby. "My two boys, Jason, age 20 and Justin age 15, have travelled with us since the beginning. The trip to the Orange Spectacular has been a grandpa, dad, and sons trip now for many years," explained J.W. "I hope my boys grow to love the old iron. They have met some special people that have become our friends along the journey. My wife has finally decided that my love affair with Allis is harmless and is a lot better than other hobbies."

The people is what attracts the Vanns to this hobby. "We have met some of the greatest people through old Allis tractors and we can call many of them our friends," said J.W. "These tractors and events bring friends together while preserving history. When the GOTO was held in Boonville in 2006, our dinner speaker reminded all of us that we are simply not restoring old tractors, but we are preserving history in an outdoor traveling museum. I have always remembered that comparison."

He would advise others to preserve the farming heritage and to share its values with those generations that follow. "Give that little boy or girl a ride on the old tractor," he said. "Use your old tractor to promote your business or organization in parades. Organize tractor drives and plow days to enjoy the old iron."

J.W. recognizes this year's 40th anniversary. For the show 40 years from now, he says, "I think a lot of us will be celebrating the old iron for many generations to come. I do think we need to really work at bringing the next generations on board in order to make the shows continue to be strong."

Casanova family will bring 1953 CA from South Dakota

When Jack Casanova of Ramona, S.D. was displaying his 1953 CA last year at Prairie Village in Madison, S.D., he was approached about bringing this antique tractor to the 2010 Albert City show. 2010 is the 60th anniversary of the Allis CA production line. Of course, Jack jumped at the chance to show off his tractor. He planned and looked forward to the trip, but unfortunately, he passed away on May 27, 2010.

As a last tribute, his CA led his funeral procession. And, to his honor, his wife, Irene and family will be bringing the CA to the Albert City Threshermen & Collectors Show.

Casanova purchased his Allis at a farm auction sale in Madison in 2005. The tractor was restored by him and a local paint restoration specialist. This is his only "show tractor" and it makes an appearance every year at Prairie Village and at the Ramona, Independence Day Parade. He enjoyed showing off his CA and talking to other exhibitors about their knowledge of Allis-Chalmers.

His occupation was farming and he owned Allis-Chalmers tractors exclusively for nearly 60 years. He has previously owned a WC, WD, WD-45 diesel, WD-45 gas, D-17 diesel, 180, 7040 and 7060. His WD tractor was purchased new in 1952 and was restored for Ramona's Centennial celebration. No other color of tractor was ever parked in his yard.

The CA is frequently driven by Jack's son or grandson during parades. Son Bob also appreciates the Allis-Chalmers orange and owns a 1940 C that is still used on a regular basis for disking and mowing around the three-generation family acreage.



Jack Casanova in front of his Allis-Chalmers Model CA.

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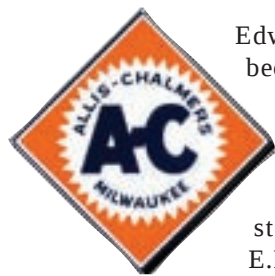
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Allis-Chalmers—A brief history



Edward P. Allis purchased what would become Allis-Chalmers in 1861 from

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The company grew steadily manufacturing waterwheels, steam engines, pumps, sawmill tools, and grindstones.

E.P. died in 1890 and in 1901 four companies merged to form Allis-Chalmers. Along with E.P. Allis, the companies were Fraser and Chalmers and Gates Iron Works, both of Chicago and Dickson Manufacturing Company of Scranton, Penn.

By late 1912, the company was in financial trouble going into receivership and sold by the courts to Otto Falk. In 1914 the company entered the farm equipment business and introduced the Model 10-18 tractor, a three-wheel tractor.

Allis-Chalmers was responsible for many innovations in farm equipment and grew to become one of the largest manufacturers in the U.S.

Through the years the company made several acquisitions. In 1931, the company acquired Advance-Rumely of LaPorte, Ind. In 1955, Gleaner Harvester Co., was acquired.

Allis-Chalmers was going strong in the 1930s with the WC and the small farm B and C.

Amidst the farm crisis of the 1980s, the company faced financial troubles and in 1985, it was sold to Deutz-Allis. That

company was later sold to investors and became what is now known as AGCO Corporation. At first, tractors were sold under the AGCO-Allis name which later became just AGCO. The company offices in Milwaukee were officially closed in 1999.

Allis-Chalmers Farm Tractor Models By Year

1910	HD14	WD45	D21 190	7000	8010
20-35		D270	190XT	7040	8030
6-12	1940	HD21	I400	7080	8050
	C	HD6	170	5040	8070
1920	HD	HD11	180	5020	6070
L	7W	HD16		5050	
K	HD	D14	1970	7580	Unknown
U	10W	D272	160	7020	year
	HD3	D17	175	7045	10-18
1930	HD5B	D10	185	8550	E
25-40	HD19	D10 High	210	5030	30-60
UC	G	Clearance	220		FD3
All-Crop	WD	D12	200	1980	FD4
L		D12 High	616	6060	FD5
M	1950	Clearance	440	6080	
WC	CA		620	7010	
A	WK	1960	7030	5045	
S	WS	D15	7050	4W-220	
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Broomcorn is used in making the brooms. It is derived from a sorghum plant and differs from others and bears long seed-bearing tassles which resemble a brush. After it has dried, the tassel becomes the straws of the broom. The broomcorn used now comes from Mexico. The handles come from Illinois.

Volunteers make regular size brooms, kids brooms, whisk brooms and a decorative fan-tail broom. "I have really good help," said Sundblad. "They are good help and have been with me for many years."

Each year over 200 brooms are made and work starts ahead of the show to make sure there are enough for everyone.

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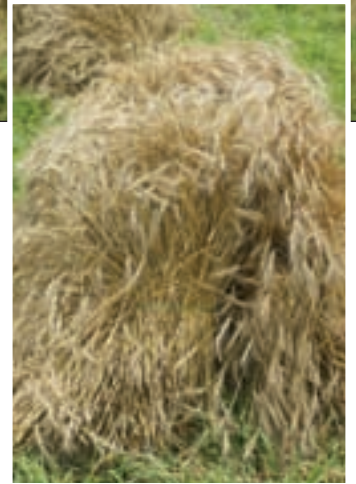
Before the show

Just over three weeks before the show, the wheat is ready for harvest. Workers drive the tractor-pulled binders through the fields while others gather the bundles and stand them in shocks to dry. The shocks let air through so the wheat can dry. After drying, the shocks will be gathered and stored so they are ready for the threshing activities at the show.



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At left, John Thumma on the binder and Mike Rebuhn driving the tractor.








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There might not be sand, but this Beachmaster is headed to Albert City

Organizer Charlie Widlund just may haul in some sand to make this tractor feel welcome when it arrives at the show site. Gail Schipansky of Marshall, Minn. will be exhibiting his 1964 Allis-Chalmers D-19 Beachmaster.

A printer by trade (Sky Printing), he started collecting in 1997 and regularly attends the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, Minn. As a child, his grandfather and uncle farmed with A-C.

The 1964 D-19 Beachmaster was yellow and came with huge tires—the rear ones were 23.1 x 26 for flotation on sand. It pulled a beach Sanitizer that cleaned and sorted trash from a beach.

Gail has a fetish for D-19s and has collected gas, LP and diesel versions, along with the Beachmaster. His gas version traces back to Oxnard, California where the Sanitizer was developed.

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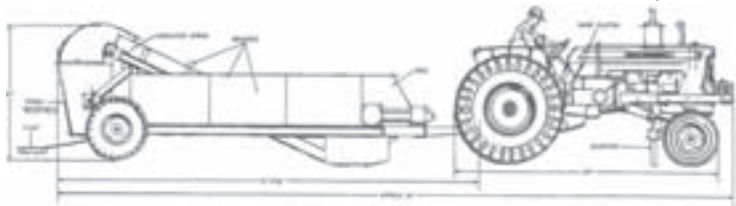
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The machines were also demonstrated in Milwaukee, Wisc. where county officials praised it highly. The Sanitizer cleaned up the sand area and went right out into the water to a two-foot depth to remove the pile-up of four smelling algae.

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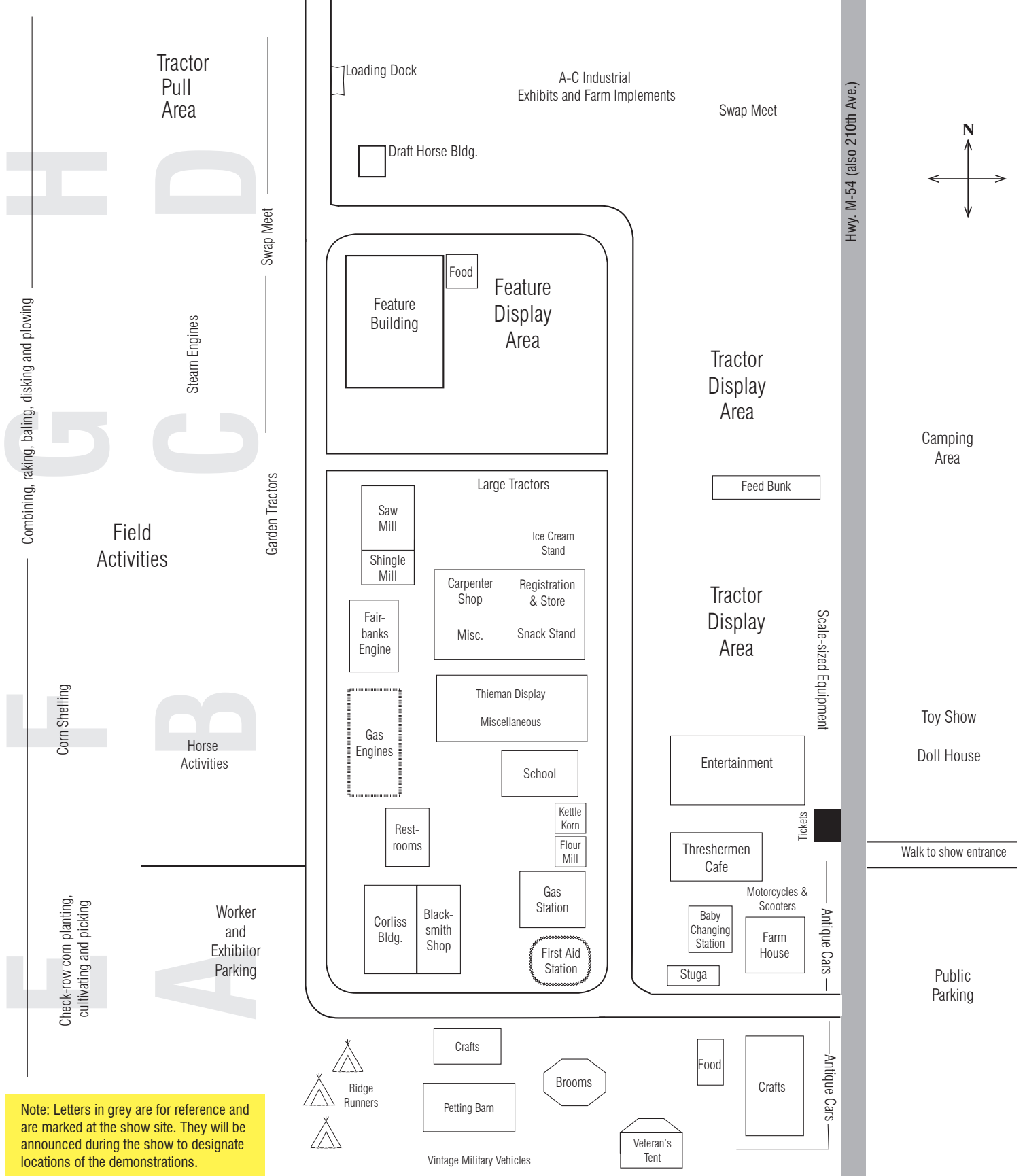
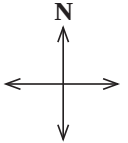
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40 years

The early years . . .



A threshing scene at the first show in 1971 includes a 1917 Bell City threshing machine and an 18-36 Hart Parr.

This year the Albert City Threshermen and Collector's Show celebrates its 40th Anniversary.

The first show was organized by Karl Lind and the late Keith Sundblad as a way to show their children how an old threshing machine worked.

Several neighbors and others interested in old farm equipment volunteered to help with the event held in early August and again on Labor Day at the former farm of the late Mabel

Fredrickson northeast of Albert City.

A food stand was set up on a 1930 Chevrolet truck and lunch was served on a flat rack. Workers enjoyed lemonade, coffee and bars.

A total of three acres of oats were threshed and about 200 people attended the show.

In the Sept. 9, 1971 issue, the *Albert City Appeal* reported: "One of the most interesting Labor Day happenings in the part of the state was on the Clifford Fredrickson farm northeast of Albert City where old time threshing was the order of the day. Credit for this interesting event goes to Karl Lind and Keith Sundblad who have accumulated these old pieces of machinery and have restored them to working order."

The first food stand was supervised by Mary Ann Sundblad and Mary Lind.



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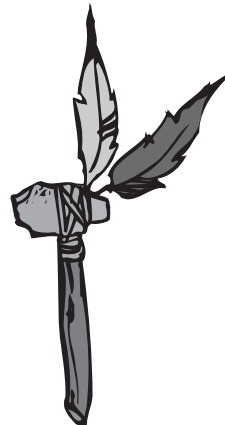
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- A U.S. postage stamp was 8 cents
- Cost for a gallon of gas was 40 cents
- In the U.S., the average cost of a new house was \$25,250 and the average income per year was \$10,600

In the News:

- School enrollment at Albert City was 551
- Apollo 14 landed on the moon
- Apollo 15 astronauts become the first to ride in a lunar rover
- Intel released the world's first microprocessor, the 4004
- A new stock market index called the Nasdaq debuted
- U.S. unemployment stood at 4.9%
- President Richard Nixon announced that the United States would no longer convert dollars to gold at a fixed value. He also imposed a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

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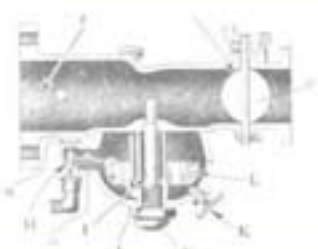
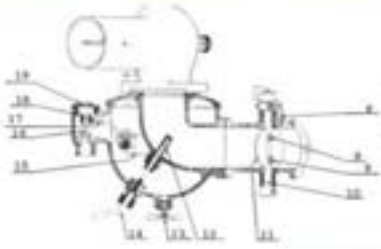
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The early years . . .

A reflection on the history of the show:

"This year is a special show. I am grateful for the many volunteers who come to help and to exhibit at the show; grateful to all those who take the time to bring a display and demonstrate it. There are many who have been here year after year and there many new ones each year."—Co-founder Karl Lind

Cliff Johnson of Albert City displaying the 1904 Olds from the Ed Sundholm collection.



Eugene Applegate of Gilmore City, Iowa with one of his gas engines.



One of the early tractors used in the Albert City community by Carl Peterson with Everett Nordine operating the tractor at an early show.

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Karl Sundblad and grandson, Gary seeding oats in the spring using their Belgian mare team.

Favorite memory of the show:

"I guess what I really feel in my heart is that the show has evolved for 40 years and it takes a lot of dedicated people to make it happen. I am amazed at how the people come and help. I was on the board for 17 years and have worked at the show for 40 years. Lots of nice people. I am proud to be part of it."—Dean Sundblad

On the history of the show:

"When I was a kid, I had no clue that the show would still be going today. I figured the local people would gradually lose interest, having seen how things used to be done. Instead, new things were added and people started coming from further distances, and the show continued to grow. It was held in several different locations in those early years, but not until the association was formed and we were given the current Heritage Site did I realize it was probably here to stay for awhile!"—Gary Sundblad

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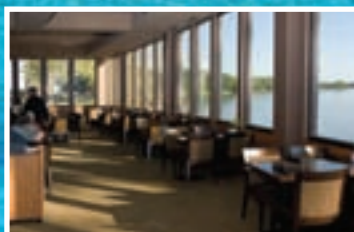
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A milestone . . .



The big red building used during the year for storage and used during the show for displaying crafts, small antiques, toys and the store where hats, cups and many other collectible items are sold.

A reflection on the history of the show:

"In 1976 when we got the site, it was a real milestone. But little did we know we would see this much growth and participation. People from all walks of life help with the show."

—Co-founder Karl Lind

Keith Sundblad, president since the formal organizational start on Dec. 11, 1974, takes a break in preparation for another show.



Ed and Agnes Sundholm were faithful members of the Albert City Threshermen and Collector's Association. Their interest in preserving the history of rural life led to the contribution of 15 acres of land for a permanent site.

In The August 19, 1976 issue of the *Albert City Appeal* reported: "A flag raising on Friday's opening of the Threshermen and Collectors Show drew a large audience. Since obtaining the site, the Threshermen have constructed the steel building for exhibits and demonstrations. The building was used for the first time this year with 14 demonstrations conducted during the two day event."

Nearly 2,500 people passed through the gates to view demonstrations and exhibits on the grounds northwest of Albert City used for the first time at this year's show."

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40 years

The early years.



Jim Bailey of Marathon, Iowa, operates a horsepower at the 1971 show.



Gary Balder of Albert City and his 1926 22-36 McCormick Deering.



Harry Swanson of Albert City, a veteran steam engine man, supervised the operation of this Aultman-Taylor engine since it was purchased by Karl Lind in 1974. Harry has given on-the-job training to several individuals including Marlowe Feldman, Dean Sundblad and Karl Lind. Henry Kluver of Mapleton has also been one of the assistant operators.

On the history of the show:
"Firing a steam engine is my first love, any kind of steam engine. I served on the board 18 years. I enjoy the camaraderie that takes place among people who are interested in preserving the history—we're a different sack of cats. Sometimes you have to look back to see where you are going. I think its good to be part of an effort to educate others about where we have been so they can observe where they are going. The Threshermen Show is a community builder. It brings people together and creates a sense of accomplishment by working together."
—Marlowe Feldman

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The early years . . .



"Shorty" Grey of Sioux Rapids and his brother exhibited this 1917 Ford T at the early shows.



Bob Loving from Albert City driving his Model T Make-A-Tractor he obtained in Montana.



The 1995 Board of Directors. Sitting, left to right: Floyd Myer, Jim Nelsen, Karl Lind, Colin Johnson, Arlyn Youngberg and Keith Sundblad. Standing are Darwin Johnson and Marlowe Feldman. Dean Sundblad is not pictured but serves on the board.

In the August 17, 1972 issue, the *Albert City Appeal* reported: "Nearly 1,000 people braved the humid 90 degree weather last Friday and Saturday and took time to join in the fun and excitement of threshing oats on the Karl Sundblad farm northeast of town.

"Another fancy of the event was a ride either on the old antique two-seated surrey drawn by Welsh ponies with Karl Sundblad at the helm and Julia nearby or a ride in the wagon drawn by Dennis Olson's mini-mules which never cease to thrill the youngsters."

In the November 6, 1975 issue, the paper reported: "Initial work on the future Heritage site located across the road from the Earl Russell farmstead will begin this coming Saturday. The Heritage development will be a project sponsored by the Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association. Organization members met last Friday evening to discuss and develop initial plans for the 15-acre tract of land."

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Merle Peterson and his daughter, Angie and Klarice Lind of Albert City milling flour from wheat through a wheat flour mill.

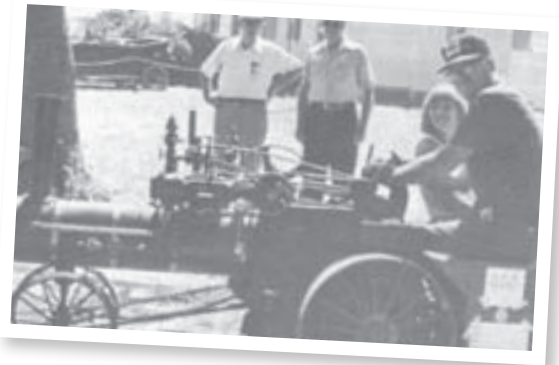


Milt Soderquist and his 4-wheel drive Massey exhibiting in the early years.

On the history of the show :

"It has been a big part of our life. When we were young we helped in all different areas. It has always been one of my dad's joys and it has been for us too—to see people appreciate how things were done years ago. For us three girls, it has been fun through the years to see our children come to enjoy the show, and it has now become a highlight for them."

—Klarice (Lind) Arguello, Cedarburg, Wisc.



Leo Mahoney of Cherokee, Iowa operating his 1/3 scale model of a 1915 Case steam tractor.

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The early years . .



Richard lehl of Albert City with part of his antique toy collection.



A threshing scene from the 1974 show held on the east edge of Albert City in conjunction with the 75th Jubilee Celebration. Tractors include Mark Erickson's 30-60 Aultman Taylor.

*Painting a picture of the future:
"Between the pieces of equipment in existence today and what will be collected, I think we're going to be surprised at what was thought of. Preserving the past—looking to the future. I hope new volunteers have the foresight to preserve what we use today as it will continue to have historical value 40 years from now. There is nothing like seeing the smile on someone's face when they say, 'I remember when'."
—Co-founder Karl Lind*

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A-C Corliss Steam Engine

The Corliss Steam Engine on the site was acquired in 1984 and donated to the association by the late Ed and Agnes Sundholm of Albert City.

The engine was found in a brick factory in South Dakota and served as the major energy source for the machinery there.

Manufacturer: Allis-Chalmers
Year Built: about 1920
Cylinder Bore: 12"
Piston Stroke: 36:
Engine Speed: 100-120 RPM
Power developed: 100-125 HP
Flywheel: 10" dia., 22" wide, 10,000 lbs.
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Clyde Larsen is one of the volunteers who works with the Corliss Steam Engine. Others who volunteer to run the engine include Bob Rinehart and Terry Applegate.



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All-white military tractor and trailer will be on display at this year's show

An unusual exhibit at the show will be an all-white Allis-Chalmers tractor. The M-7 Snow Tractor with M-19 trailer was developed for use by the military.

The tractor and trailer are owned by Richard and Peggy Liekweg of Iowa Falls, Iowa.

The M-7 and M-19 were made in 1944 and about 291 of them were manufactured and gifted to the Army. The M-19 trailer is a one-ton flat trailer with a canvas top outfitted to bring crashed aviators to safety.

They were painted dusky white to blend in with the Arctic conditions.

The trailer can carry two litters, (stretchers) and has room for a corpsman to tend to the injured. It has a place for a heater and lights operated from the electrical system on the M-7.

The Liekwegs rescued the tractor and trailer after finding it in the Northwest Territories in 1999. They brought it home in 2000.

"We've been accumulating A-C things for more than 20 years," said Peggy. "We bought a D-15 before we ever had a farm to put it on. It just mushroomed from there!"

Richard has toys, machinery and implements, memorabilia and lots of ephemera. Peggy says if it has A-C, it's in his collection.

The M-7 and M-19 visited the Albert City show in 2000 when it first came home. It was in the as-found condition which was yellow and bluish green with a Chevy front end and steering wheel.

Restoration took many, many hours working a few minutes or all day on the project. "We've networked parts, hunted salvage yards, created new parts, and been warmly welcomed by a great family of collectors and craftsmen along with getting help from our family and their skills," said Peggy.

Richard said, "We received a lot of help from military and A-C collectors. Some of the parts came from the NWT



of Canada, Alaska, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Iowa. The M-19 came through Canada from Scotland. The tires say *made in Norway*."

Their prized exhibit travels in a 30-foot enclosed trailer. If the weather looks threatening, the exhibit goes back in the trailer. Keeping everything white is the biggest challenge in this display.

The Liekwegs enjoy travelling to farm shows with their exhibit. For them, the display is a true piece of history. They

look forward to seeing people they know

and meeting new people along with showing a piece of American WWII history.

"We're always interested in our A-C friends and shows. They are a good way to spread the history of farming and the techniques that have been developed," said Richard. They usually attend events at the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown, Iowa; the Allis Connection Father's Day Show in the Amana; and the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson, Minn.

Richard and Peggy keep busy with other hobbies and family activities. Peggy sells costume jewelry at many craft shows. Richard enjoys working meticulously on his restoration projects and has also done some woodworking.

This exhibit will be easy to spot on the show grounds, be sure to stop by and check it out.



The Allis-Chalmers M-7 and M-19 trailer owned by Richard and Peggy Liekweg.



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"I like the games and I think the children look forward to them," said Denise.

There will be many old-fashioned children's games starting at 1 p.m. each day. Children can look forward to the egg and spoon game, gunny-sack races, running, egg and stick game and others.

The games are held just south of the petting barn and last about an hour. Children will be broken into age groups and will get ribbons and treats after the games.

Each year 20-50 children show up for these fun activities which also give their parents a break from the other show events.

"I'm glad they have the Threshermen's Show," said Huskamp. "I look forward to it every year. It's important to remember our past.

Other activities of special interest to children include:

Kids Pedal Pull at 10 a.m. Saturday

School House with activities to be posted

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Above: children check out animals in the petting barn.



At right: visitors stop by and visit with Pat Frantz in the Old School House.



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When traveling in Southern Iowa, stop by this A-C Museum

Five years ago, Royal Bierbaum moved his entire tractor collection from his century farm to a building in Griswold, Iowa and opened up an A-C Museum. That museum has now expanded to include a second building filled with implements.

"It's been a big project, but a very nice hobby for almost 20 years," said Royal. His first tractor was an A-C Model 20-35. For the Albert City show, he will bring a 1914 Model 10-18 and most likely another one that will fit on the trailer. The 10-18 has all original gears and was purchased in Dodge City, Kansas.

His museum now holds 40 tractors. Other displays include 1/16 scale tractors, model farm building display, antique items from their family's farm, and a 1920's kitchen created by Shirley to portray the days of yesteryear.

Visitors to the museum vary—last summer a bus tour with folks from Scotland, Wales, Great Britain and New Zealand arrived at the site.

Royal's collection is primarily Allis-Chalmers although he has a couple of Rumely's. He hopes to continue working on his restoration projects and gets some help from his grandsons who have done restoration projects for 4-H.

Royal reads the *Old Allis News* and searches the Internet for parts. He has gone as far as Louisiana, Idaho, Ohio and Canada when adding to his collection.

"It's a disease," said Royal. "It gets in your blood and you keep collecting and restoring. It's a challenge to put something back together and get it working."

The Bierbaums have never been to the Albert City show, but



Shirley and Royal Bierbaum next to their A-C Model 20-35

whenever they can they attend the GOTOs. They look forward to seeing the other collectors.

According to Royal, there are five tractor museums in his area, all featuring a different manufacturer.

Shirley joins Royal when traveling to tractor shows, but in her spare time she quilts, does cross-stitch and is very involved with the Cass County Museum located in downtown Griswold.

Anyone interested in visiting the museum, should call ahead to make sure it is open. Call the Bierbaums at 712-778-2586.



A birds-eye view of the A-C Museum located in Griswold, Iowa.

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For visitors, the field activities offer a chance to view the antique equipment and horses as they work.

This year, the Threshermen & Collectors Association has added eight acres on the west side of the site to allow more room for the live activities and demonstrations.

Activities on Friday and Saturday will start right after the Feature Parade concludes, (about 11:30 a.m.). Combines will go right from the parade route to the field to combine. That will be followed by raking, baling, disking and plowing. They will repeat the combining, raking, baling, disking and plowing again at 3 p.m. These activities will take place on the far west side of the show site.

At 9:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, there will be corn check planting, cultivating check planted corn, and corn picking. These new activities will take place in the southwest area of the site.

Threshing will take place periodically in the morning and the afternoon. It is easy to spot in the center of the field area.

There will be horse activities throughout the day. These



Horses are one of many field activities to be seen at the show.

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According to organizer Colin Johnson, next year's show will emphasize steam, early and late gas tractors and celebrate 100 years of the Case automobile. Johnson is getting help organizing from John Ahlers of Bigelow, Minn.

They started working and planning for the show over the last year and Johnson tries to do something weekly towards the effort. The Expo was held in Albert City in 2004 and was the first national show hosted by the Threshermen.

Johnson considers himself a John Deere collector, but wanted an automobile. When he found out that Case, IH and John Deere all made autos at one time, he decided to get a car from a tractor manufacturer.

He got involved in collecting in 1974 when his father bought a John Deere B to play with.

The 2010 J.I. Case Expo was held in Pawnee, Oklahoma.



Colin Johnson drives his Ford Model T in the 2009 Threshermen's Parade. With him are his wife Mary and young Derek Hoffman.



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Karg's A-C 220 FWA takes a rare trip away from home for GOTO in Iowa

For over 25 years, Larry Karg of Hutchinson, Minn. has been collecting and restoring tractors. For this year's show, he is bringing a 1971 Allis-Chalmers 220 FWA, one of only 80 such tractors known to exist.

Karg is now a retired street department supervisor but grew up and farmed with Allis-Chalmers. He has restored 40 A-C tractors and has a machine shed full of hay and harvesting machinery.

According to Karg, the 220 FWA does not make it to too many other shows because of its weight and size. "This is a rare occasion for this tractor to be at a show so far away from home," he said.

He has been to the Albert City show in the past and attends most of the Gathering of the Orange shows and any other shows that feature A-C. He is coming this year to assist Charlie Widlund and the other area A-C collectors in holding the national GOTO.

"I am looking forward to returning all the help that all other A-C collectors have given me at our show, the Orange Spectacular in Hutchinson," he commented. "This will give me a chance to give back some help to those who set up and operate their A-C's as part of that show."

He is looking forward to meeting and greeting all his friends at the show. He enjoys traveling across the country to see new things and in meeting people with similar interests.

Restoring the A-C 220 FWA was a six-month project. Karg advises others with restoration to do the research on the tractor so it is correct and to do it right the first time.

In looking ahead to the future of threshing shows, Karg says, "When it comes to A-C shows, I think newer tractors will start to show up. By that I mean people will start restoring 7000 and 8000-Series tractors which are some of the last ones built. I'm hopeful that more young people will become involved in the hobby and hope that someday there is a permanent national Allis-Chalmers museum established."



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Before the show

On April 9, 2010 Charlie Widlund, Lynn Wenell, Karl Lind, and Duane Madson, (not pictured), spent the day check-row planting corn. The field is planted like a checkerboard with a hill of corn at the exact intersection of each line. This allows for cultivation in several directions which makes it easier to keep the field free of weeds.

This corn will be picked during the show and the planting and cultivating methods will be demonstrated.



Enjoy it at the show!



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Greif to bring rare Allis-Chalmers WC to Albert City Show

At a salvage yard just outside of Camp Ripley, Minn., Lavern Greif found a 1933 WC in 1971. He brought it home in 1972 with a lot of missing parts.

By 1977, he was able to take it to its first show in Waukee, Iowa. This is the most rare in his collection of over a dozen Allis-Chalmers tractors. He knows of only one other tractor like his '33 WC.

"I was raised on A-C and I always farmed with A-C," said Greif. He is semi-retired but still farms some and uses A-C around his farm place.

He and his wife Marilyn live near Dallas Center, Iowa and have four daughters. They live on the family farm first purchased when his grandfather came from Germany in 1880. The Greifs moved there in 1945.

"We have made a lot of friends at the shows we have attended," said Greif. "We enjoy visiting with friends. Most of the exhibits we've seen before, but it's the people we like the most."

Greif has a 1937 UC with an attached cultivator and may bring a 4-bottom plow to the show.



Lavern Greif with his 1933 WC with Waukesha Engine

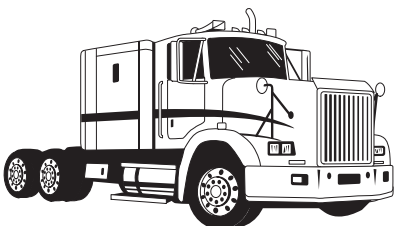
They have been to the Albert City show a few times before and especially enjoy the many field activities that are in action at the show.

"I have always enjoyed tinkering," stated Greif. He also tinkers on a couple collectible cars and trucks and takes his '55 Chevy on car tours.



Greif planned to exhibit this Lubben round baler at the show in Hutchinson, Minn.

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Meet the Threshermen & Collectors Board

Karl Lind

Is a co-founder. Works primarily with antique tractors, vehicles and field events. Enjoys bringing memories of the past to the present.



Gary Sundblad

Is board chair and has served on the board for five years. Helps to work in all areas. His favorite part is seeing all the volunteers working together to create a successful & enjoyable show.



Robert Loving

Has worked at the show 40 years. Works in the woodworking areas and is interested in the tools of the past.



Dennis A. Lindgren

Has worked at the show 40 years. Works with horses, plowing, trolleys, anything with horses. Likes to see the people coming together and having fun.



Mike Rebhuhn

Has worked at the show 19 years. Works at the parking lot, people movers and grilling. He likes meeting lots of neat people.



Lynn Wenell

Has worked at the show 16-20 years. He mainly works with field activities.



Merrill Rehnstrom

Has worked at the show 11 years. Works wherever help is needed.



Dale Frantz

Has been a board member 9 years. Works with Fairbanks Morse stationary engine, school house and small engines. Enjoys visiting with old friends and making new ones.



Duane Madson

Has served on the board one year. Works on advertising, signs and finances. He loves helping people learn about life gone by and helping to pre-serve and renew memories.



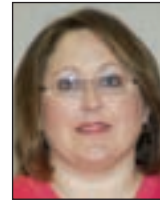
Kevin Olson

Is serving his first year on the board. He works with the tractor pull and other areas. He grew up south of the site and his family is involved in volunteering and displaying at the show.



Leah Sundblad

Serves as the board secretary and started because it is part of her family's heritage and she enjoys the work. She does lots of pre-show details and works mostly behind the scenes. She enjoys seeing all ages having a great time.



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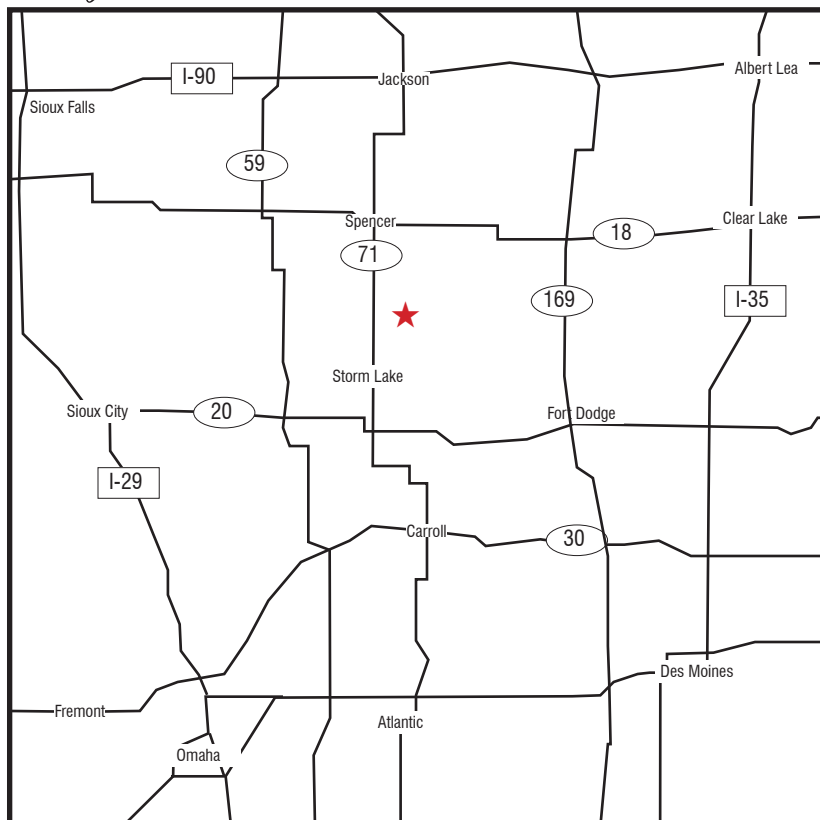
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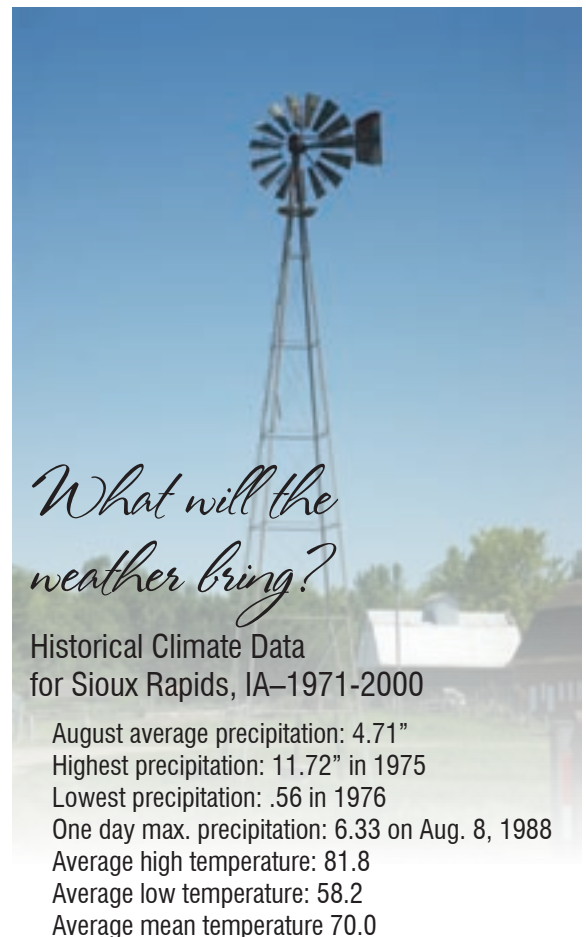
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- Average high temperature: 81.8
- Average low temperature: 58.2
- Average mean temperature 70.0

Thank you Albert City Threshermen
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Trivia Fun:

1. What was the year of the first threshing show?
2. What is the upcoming feature for the 2011?
3. The Allis-Chalmers M-7 Snow Tractor was used for what purpose?
4. Name the A-C manufactured for use in the Pacific Northwest.
5. In the year of the first show, what was the price of a packet of Kool-Aid at the local grocery?
6. This year is the 60th Anniversary of what Allis-Chalmers tractor?
7. Name the two founders of the show.
8. Who is the exhibitor that maintains a museum of All-Crop Harvestors near Hubbard, Iowa?
9. What local company has insured farmers since 1891?

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