

# Orange Connection

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**General Meeting**  
**Saturday, January 25, 2014**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Country Heritage Park**  
**Milton, ON**  
**Niagara Room (upstairs)**  
**Main Office**

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

## **Membership Renewals are now due for 2014.**

Make cheque for \$25 payable to: "A-C Club of Ontario"  
and mail to:

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Note: Mailing labels have your club membership  
expiry date in the upper right hand corner

**Deadline for submissions for March newsletter**  
**is March 1**

# President's Message

Hello everyone. I hope you all have had a Merry Christmas and that 2014 brings you all the good health and joy you deserve. Since this is my last President's message I can print whatever I like. Since I'm doing this before Christmas I have to think of when you are reading this which is after New Years and I hope you are starting to sober up by now. I don't know yet who the new President is but I wish him or her all the best in their new job. By now I am the past Pres. and I find as I get older I get passed more than in the past. I don't mind that as long as I don't get passed by when the turkey is being passed around although the turkey wishes he had been passed over this year. But all that is in the past now. Enough of this nonsense now.

Congratulations to Calvin Schmidt on the award from the Silo Builders Association for 50 years in the business.

The past 2 years as President have been enjoyable and interesting and I hope it was good for you too. I look forward to sitting back and letting someone else worry about the little things. I'm reminded of a saying: "If you see an old man break something and then he starts to smile, you know he has thought of somebody else to blame for it". The executive members have been a good group to work with and I thank them for putting up with me. Thanks to Bill and Leah for their work over the years as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer for the club. Also thanks to Kirk for stepping up to do the Secretary's job and continuing to do it next year. Also thanks to Murray and Marg for looking after the Promotions all these years and taking them to shows to sell.

Till I see you at the next meeting, take care.

Ray

## Condolences

The Club extends our sincere sympathy to the family of member Art Meadows who passed away on October 27, 2013.

### Club Memberships Are Due

Make cheque for \$25 payable to:  
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Please note: For those members with rural addresses (RR#) please check your address label and include your fire number/street address with your renewal if it isn't already part of your mailing information. As you may be aware Canada Post is not delivering mail if a fire number/street address is not used. This will assist the Club with mailings.

### Club Treasurer Position Available

The Club Executive needs to fill the position of Treasurer. If you are interested in volunteering for the position please contact one of the Directors. Please consider helping to keep our Club running smoothly.

### Introduction of Newsletter Editor – Curtis Marshall

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the membership as the new "Newsletter Editor". I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Erin Township (Wellington County). My grandfather used Allis-Chalmers equipment in the 50's & 60's including a WD45, a Roto-Baler, an All-Crop 90, and a D15. In 2010 I was able to re-acquire our WD45 (thanks to Jim Sparks of Erin) and have been slowly restoring it. I look forward to serving the club as Newsletter Editor and welcome any suggestions in regards to the newsletter.

**Minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Allis Chalmers Club of Ontario  
Country Heritage Park  
1:00 PM, Saturday, November 17th 2013**

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM. Motion to accept minutes by Murray Byers seconded by Jim Reist  
Motion to donate \$500 to Country Heritage Park.

Dave Natress thanked us for our involvement with the park. Ray Smith presented Dave a donation from our club for \$500.

Treasurer's report Bill Brooks: Club Bank Balance \$6047.96 Inventory \$4011.23 and CHP funds \$343.  
Bills: Sugarbabes \$350. Website: \$134.88. Motion to pay bills by Gary Parkin seconded by Brian Bussell.  
Frank Duck and Brian Bussell were the auditors. They will also be next year's auditors.

Membership Report Leah Brooks.

154 total members. 148 Canadian, 3 US and 3 complementary. 9 new members this year and 10 rejoined. 4 members have passed away. This was Leah's last meeting as membership chairman. Dave Gibson will be taking it over.

Newsletter Report Leah Brooks:

Sent in October. This is Leah's last meeting as editor, Curtis Marshall will be taking over.

Website Report Trina McBride: Website is back up and running since it was hacked.

Calendar Report Leah Brooks:

2014 calenders are selling, there are a few left. Haven't decided on a 2015 theme yet.

Promotions Report Murray Byers:

Our spot is booked for the farm show but their might not be one this year. We have a few new key hangers and hats. Murray presented Bill and Leah a gift basket for their help and involvement. We thanked Marlin Herriot for donating the toy D15 and sprayer for the raffle.

Break 1:45 PM. 50/50 draw won by Brian Bussell for \$72.50. Toy D15 and sprayer was won by Trina McBride.  
Guest speaker Jeremy Robinson. He has been farming for 6 generations, moved here from Saskatchewan and has worked at many museums. We thanked Jeremy and presented him an Allis Chalmers puzzle.

Term ending: Ray Smith, Jim Gregson, and Calvin Schmidt. Calvin will stand again.

Nominating Committee Frank Duck and Brian Bussell. Nominations: Kirk Forster, Calvin Schmidt, and Murray Byers. Aubre moved that the nominations be closed seconded by Gary Parkin.  
Kirk, Calvin and Murray are the new directors.

Next General Meeting: January 25th 1:00pm at CHP Next Executive Meeting: January 5th 1:00pm at CHP

Merry Christmas and motion to adjourn at 2:50pm by Ray Smith

**Newsletter Circulation – By Email**

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter by email instead of by mail please send your email address to: [curtismarshallwlu@yahoo.com](mailto:curtismarshallwlu@yahoo.com). Printing and mailing newsletters is the largest expense the club has and this expense can be reduced through electronic circulations.

## Thank You!

The Club would like to thank Marlin Herriot for generously donating the toy A-C D15 Series I tractor with sprayer. It was a popular raffle item at the Annual General Meeting in November.

## Club Member Contacts

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

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## Toronto International Farm Show – Cancelled

After 27 years the Toronto International Farm Show has been cancelled. The show is normally held in early February at the International Centre near the Toronto Pearson Airport. The Club has had a booth at the show for many years and had planned on attending again this year. A recent article in Ontario Farmer indicated that the organizer – Master Promotions is revamping the show and hopes to hold it next year.

## 2014 Calendars

### Available Now!

Available at Club Meetings for \$18  
Or by mail for \$20. Contact:



## Club Merchandise For Sale

A wide range of Club merchandise is available for purchase. Items will be available for purchase at the next General Meeting or by contacting: Murray Byers 519-934-2327

## 2014 Club Raffle



2 Allis-Chalmers Sugar Babe Tractors 1/16<sup>th</sup> scale replicas are up for raffle. 2 winners will be drawn. Tickets will be available throughout the coming year to A-C Club of Ontario members. The draw will take place at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

## Coming Events

### General Meeting

April - Date, time and place TBD

### 2014 Gathering of the Orange - Centennial Celebrations

Lathrop, Missouri USA

June 19-22, 2014

La Porte, Indiana USA

August 14-17, 2014

### All Colour Tractor & Toy Show 2014

July 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Country Heritage Park, Milton

Features: Military Vehicles, "Super Pull" Truck and Tractor Pull on July 19<sup>th</sup>

### Steam Era Show 2014

Labour Day Weekend, Country Heritage Park, Milton

The Steam Era show will be held at the Country Heritage Park this year.

## A Favourite Dish from the Annual Meeting Potluck

Vegetable Pizza from a Club member

2 pkg Pillsbury Crescent Rolls  
1 pkg dry salad dressing (any kind)  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 pkg cream cheese  
Chopped vegetables – I use carrots, red onion and broccoli  
Grated Cheese

Roll out crescent rolls on pan and bake as per directions on package. Let cool. Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise, and dry salad dressing and spread on crescent roll crust. Add vegetables and cheese.

## My Winter Project – 616H

By: Curtis Marshall

This old mower followed me home several months ago even though I wasn't really looking to collect lawn and garden equipment. After looking at it for several weeks I decided I couldn't pass it up and had to save it. It was purchased "as is" in non-running condition.



I have started doing some research on the tractor and so far have been able to determine that it was manufactured in 1983/1984 based on the serial number. I came across an excellent website: [www.simpletractors.com](http://www.simpletractors.com) hosted by the Simplicity and Allis-Chalmers Garden Tractor Club in the United States. The website appears to be an excellent resource on Simplicity and Allis-Chalmers lawn and garden equipment and includes a discussion board for asking questions. Some club members may already be familiar with the site.



The original dealer sticker is still visible. It appears that this tractor was purchased locally at Swanston Farm Equipment (now Connect Equipment) near Rockwood, Ontario.

In 1974 Allis-Chalmers introduced the 600, 700 and 800 series of lawn tractors in an all-orange colour scheme to match the larger agricultural tractors. These models were manufactured by Simplicity Manufacturing Company for Allis-Chalmers. The 616 was available with hydrostatic drive (H model) or a standard transmission (LTD model).

Simplicity was originally founded by William J. Niederkorn in 1922, and started building riding garden tractors in 1939. Allis-Chalmers purchased Simplicity in 1965 and owned the company until 1983. Simplicity continued to manufacture lawn mowers for Deutz-Allis, AGCO-Allis and AGCO. In 2004 Simplicity was purchased by Briggs and Stratton.

Source:  
<http://simpletractors.com/Main/history.htm>



The lawn tractor appears to be basically complete other than a missing grass deflector chute. After some tinkering and a tune up, the 16 hp Briggs and Stratton twin cylinder engine fired up and sounds pretty good. I am still trying to free up the stuck choke cable. I have yet to test the hydrostatic drive and mower deck (42 inch). I plan on changing the hydrostatic fluid and servicing the mower deck as needed.

If all goes well, I may even sell my newer John Deere lawn mower (I didn't buy it on purpose as it came with house) and use it to cut my lawn. Unfortunately my 5 year old son may be sad if I sell the newer mower as he is a big John Deere fan. I told him that I got the old Allis mower for him and he asked "Are you going to paint it green for me Dad?". The John Deere propoganda advertising machine (kids toys, clothes, books and movies) has succesfully infected my son. As a consolation I can sometimes get my son to agree that Allis-Chalmers is his second favourite tractor. He did ask me the other day if we could "save Allis Chalmers". I asked him how and he said "we should tell the police and the mayor to save Allis-Chalmers".



A 1984 (+) Deutz Allis 616H model in green paint. The 616 was produced for a number of years as a Deutz Allis. A range of accessories were also available including: various rear baggers and vacuums, tillers, front blades, a dethatcher, and snow blowers. I assume that similar attachments were available for the earlier Allis-Chalmers models.

It should be noted that In the early 1970's Allis-Chalmers made a heavier 600 series "compact tractor" including a 616 model. These tractors were similar looking to the One-Ninety farm tractor. The heavier duty 616 should not be confused with the lighter duty 616H "lawn tractor".

Photo Source: [www.Tractordata.com](http://www.Tractordata.com)

I am looking at purchasing an operator's manual and a sales brochure off of ebay (Internet Auction Site) and would be glad to speak to anyone else who has more information on this model of lawn tractor.



## What are You Working On?

If you are working on an interesting project and would to share it with the membership in the newsletter please contact:

Curtis Marshall 519-833-9740 email: [curtismarshallwlu@yahoo.com](mailto:curtismarshallwlu@yahoo.com)

## For Sale or Trade:

### Allis-Chalmers Hay Conditioner

Will trade for A-C items of similar value.

Contact: John Neilson 905-779-3068

### For sale:

Parting out a Gleaner 'E' combine. Has a cab and steering brakes.

Engine, header, and tires are not available.

Contact: Calvin Schmidt 519-656-2352

### Looking for Allis Chalmers Parts

WD draw bar (pin style, non-snap coupler).

WD45 auxiliary remote hydraulic line, steel

Snap Coupler Latches (Heavier WD45, D17, or D19 style)

Plow clevis (doesn't have to be AC)

WD/WD45 wheel weights

Contact: Curtis Marshall, Erin, 519-833-9740

### Allis-Chalmers Hay Conditioner

One steel roll and one rubber roll.

Sell or trade for interesting A-C item of similar value.

**Also wanted:** Allis Chalmers 6060

Contact: Jim Williamson 905-770-3068

### Book Wanted

The Allis Chalmers Story By C. H. Wendell in either orange cover or blue cover.

Contact: Ray Smith 519-461-1974

## Half Century of Progress by Calvin Schmidt

In August, two friends and I attended the 'Half Century of Progress' at the former air force base in Rantoul, Illinois. The 1500 acre airport is closed for the four days of the show. This show is held every two years and includes a little over 400 acres of corn and soybeans on airport grounds that are harvested during the show, as well as corn stocks chopped, and the ground plowed all with vintage equipment. Most Brand clubs have a display area including Allis-Chalmers which highlighted the 50 years of D-21's. It is a must see show if you like vintage equipment.



Mark Hacker (Michigan), myself, Ross Dryden, and Ray Levasseur displaying our new temporary A-C tattoos applied in the A-C tent.



Feature tractor was a Rite-Way 750 powered by a Detroit 12V71 TT that had been tuned up to 850 hp. It plowed with a 15 furrow plow.



90 year old John Lapp driving one of the six D-21's he brought from Colorado.



Interesting 433 A-C engine swap into a WD-45.




D-17 with mounted picker ready for the field.



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