

President's Corner

Hello All,

It has been several months since the last newsletter; in fact, there hasn't been one since March. There is only one person to blame for that and that person is myself. I knew we hadn't had one in a while, but until someone brought it to my attention, I didn't realize how long it had been. I am not certain what impact the lack of a newsletter had on this year's show but it definitely did not help.

We expected this year's show, Belt and Steam, to be a smaller feature, but we had hoped that the attendance would not have been as low as it was. The weather was not a factor, it was a gorgeous weekend. Thanks to the input from members at the last meeting, we can review what worked well and what didn't and make changes from there.

The updated club by-laws call for election of officers and board members to be held in October each year. This gives time for the outgoing members to work with the newly elected members, making it a smoother transition come January. The new officers are: President, Paul Mantey, Vice President, Jim Schwartz, Secretary, Robert Musgrave, Treasurer, Wally Ott. Board members are: Cody LaMarr, Jerry Lebrick, Ray Lazarski, Jared Brever, Brian Neumaier, and Gary Robers.

Bill Herried decided not to run for office this year; he would like to spend more time in the Engine area during our show. I am sure Bill will continue to be an active member of our club. Thanks Bill for your service.

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts during the past year and in helping to make our show run smoothly. We had a greater number of volunteers and it was so nice to see the comradery among all club members. Thanks for all you do!

Looking forward, the 2019 feature is Allis Chalmers and hosting the Gathering of the Orange-Coming Home Again.

There will be a bus trip on Wednesday to the Richfield Historical Park to see the Messer Mayer Mill and Homestead. The Mill is 150 years old and is built with EP Allis equipment. It has been restored to point that it looks like the lights were turned on

yesterday. Following the Mill Tour the bus trip will travel to the Dilg's Allis Chalmers collection for a tour and lunch

Thursday there will be a tractor ride from West Allis to Union Grove, the ride will proceed down Greenfield Avenue, turning South on 124th Street and going past the W. A. Roberts Golf course (Owned by Allis Chalmers) today known as New Berlin Hills. From there we drive past the original Allis Chalmers proving grounds also in New Berlin, then we will continue to the most recent proving grounds in Franklin for a Lunch and Speech by Larry Gruenberger, Larry ran the proving grounds until it was closed. After lunch we will ride to the show grounds in Union Grove.

We will be featuring the D17, 210 and 220

There will be a Pot Luck dinner at the Legion hall on January 2nd starting at 6PM with a very short meeting at 7:30. Please bring a dish to pass.

Have a safe and happy Holiday season.

Paul Mantey

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