

The Chalmers Automobile Newsletter

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Now that spring has arrived, it's time to think about the upcoming summer season for auto shows and swap meets. One purpose of this newsletter is to start the process which will provide an opportunity for many of us to meet each other when attending these summer events. To do this, I'm asking everyone to send me the long range plans for attending their favorite shows and meets between June to August (even into the fall season if you want). Send me this information by early June and I will then publish the information in the next newsletter in early summer. I emphasize that this is long range and if you don't know your plans for sure, then a guess is better than nothing. Changes and updates to your plans may happen, and a second letter to me would take care of that. If necessary, I will publish changes and updates in a mid summer newsletter.

The second purpose of this newsletter is to let you know that I have, available to the membership, cloth patch replicas of the Chalmers monogram. The monogram, which is shown below, represents the Chalmers trade-mark or coat of arms as stated in the 1914 Chalmers publication "Story of the Chalmers Car". This monogram was seen on the early Chalmers' radiators. I designed the patches to represent the monogram as accurately as possible (including letter style, size and color). Referring to the monogram, the cloth patches have the following description:

- The overall diameter is 2½ inches.
- The outer ring is white background with gold lettering and blue outside margin.
- The CMC letters at the center are white with gold trim in a blue field.
- The cloth back is treated with an adhesive which, when activated by an iron (cotton setting), will temporarily hold the patch for sewing without wrinkles or bumps developing.



My research shows that the blue was sometimes replaced by red. So, a second patch is included with red replacing the blue. These patches can be sewn onto ball caps, shirts and jackets. They would certainly be a fine way for members to recognize each other at the auto shows and swap meets this summer. To keep my cost down, I had a minimum lot size of 100 (50 blue and 50 red) patches made. If you would like to receive a pair (one blue and one red), send me \$3. In addition, please include a self addressed stamped envelope for me to return the

patches to you. An envelope, approximately 4" X 6", with a first class, 32 cents, stamp will handle the pair. This will help defray some of my cost and I won't have to address all those envelopes and lick all those stamps.

One last comment concerning computers, the Internet and e-mail. Some of you may have, or are planning to have, access to the Internet or an e-mail address with an online computer service. If you do, send me a note at the following e-mail address: "dchamm@worldnet.att.net". When you mail me your long range summer event plans and/or patch order, also include the e-mail address. Some members and I are already communicating this way and it has been inexpensive, fun and quick.

That's all for now. I hope that the combination of members meeting each other at summer events, displaying the CMC patch and enjoying the e-mail connection produces new friendships and more Chalmers camaraderie.

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