

The Chalmers Automobile Newsletter

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This 2004 spring newsletter includes the annual membership list. Welcome aboard to one new member, Ted Saugstad (#76) of Georgia, who joined and signed up for the newsletter. A special note to all members: please review your address and car information and let me know if changes or corrections are needed. This will help maintain an accurate and correct database of surviving Chalmers automobiles.

The Chalmers Automobile Registry database currently consists of 121 cars (or major parts) and 110 owners (101 U.S., 4 England, 2 Canada, 1 Germany, 1 Netherlands, and 1 South America). Presently there are 59 active members, with 71 cars (or major parts), that subscribe to this newsletter.

CHALMERS CLASSIFIED

The Chalmers Classified listing is intended as a service for members to advertise Chalmers cars and parts that are for sale and/or wanted. Please contact me regarding items that should no longer be listed and pass-on your new wanted and for sale items.

- **WANTED:**
- 1908-1909 Chalmers-Detroit Model F "30" radiator (posted 10/2001) - contact Alan Leclair (#42).
- 1911 Chalmers Model "30" Pony Tonneau complete rear axle assembly (or any parts for it) (posted 7/2001) - contact Fred Hoch (#38).
- 1912 Chalmers Model 11 "30" ignition switch/key for Splitdorf type ignition (posted 12/2003)- contact Mike Morris (#65)
- 1912 Chalmers Model 11 "30" owners manual and parts list, either original or copy (posted 12/2003) - contact Al Shaw (#25).
- 1912-1914 Chalmers Model 12/18 "Six" (also 1910-1912 Model "Forty", 1912-1914 Model "36", or 1914-1915 Model 24/29 "Master Six") (posted 4/2000) - contact John Lehnert (#35).
- 1913 Chalmers Model 36 front wheel hub and left side bail handle sidelight (kerosene and electric) or a matching pair (posted 2/2002)- contact Lloyd Elliott (#26)
- 1914 Chalmers Model 24 "Master Six" shop manual (posted 4/2000) - contact Jim and Donna Stamper (#52).
- 1915 Chalmers Model 26-C "Six-48" Entz starter/generator, oil gage, distributor, steering wheel, crank, hubcaps, speedometer, and other parts & photos of wood framing (posted 7/2002) - contact Scott Sandersfeld (#69).
- 1917 Speedster 0 to 100/95 Stewart Warner speedometer (posted 5/2004) - contact Bob Valpey (#17).
- 1922/1923 hubcaps (posted 4/2000) - contact Bob DuBois (#9).
- 1923 Chalmers Model "Y" Jaxon disc wheels (one or more) for 24" tires (posted 2/2002)- contact Alan Maris (#56).

FOR SALE: There are no for sale items to list in this issue.

CHALMERS SURVIVES SHELLING FROM GERMAN GUNS IN WORLD WAR I

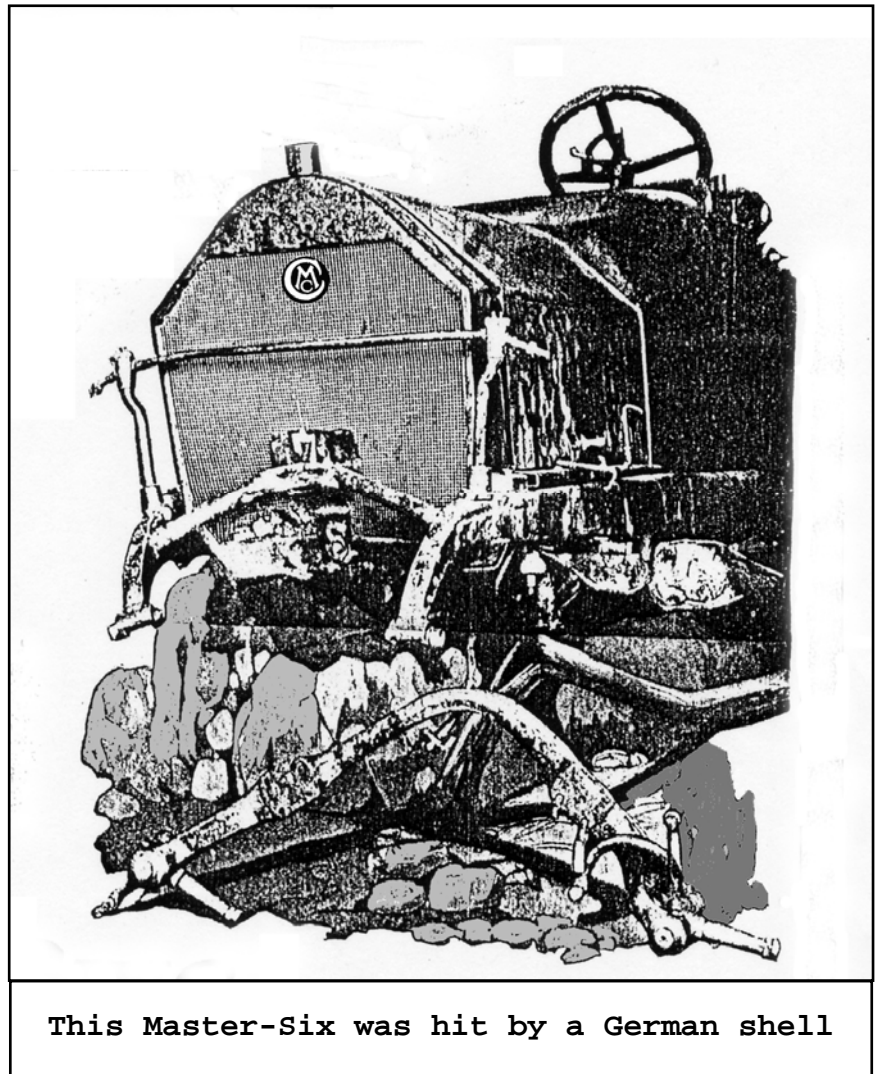
The following story is based on a June 5, 1915 Chalmers advertisement in the "Scientific American" entitled "*Chalmers Quality withstood German Guns*".

Sometime during W W I, the Germans bombarded the small French town of Papeete, on Tahiti Island. During the attack, a shell struck a car owned by G. Manuel, the Consul-General of this French Republic. The car was a Chalmers Master-Six and the blast knocked off a couple of wheels, two headlamps, and in general was very destructive to the car (as can be seen in the picture). However, there was enough left of this Chalmers to send back to San Francisco for repairs.

Chalmers cars were not built for target practice nor were they built to withstand the unusual demands of war, but they do stand up under rough usage and sometimes-cruel abuse.

It is assumed that repairs were completed and the Chalmers Master-Six was returned to the Consul-General, although the advertisement does not say so.

The last statement in the advertisement reads, "Chalmers quality is responsible for this" [presumably Chalmers quality guaranteed complete repair of this Master-Six].



This Master-Six was hit by a German shell

That's all for now and I hope you find the membership list useful. It is provided for your convenience and assistance in Chalmers enjoyment. Please pass on your questions, comments, and other information for the next newsletter.

