

The Chalmers Automobile Newsletter

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In this issue, a member seeks some important information on radiator badges, Chalmers polo shirts are for sale, and a short history of the evolution of the Chalmers Motor Corporation is presented.

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:

- 1922/1923 hubcaps (posted 4/2000) - contact Bob DuBois (#9).
- 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).
- 1914 Chalmers Model 24 "Master Six" shop manual (posted 4/2000) - contact Jim and Donna Stamper (#52).
- 1911 Chalmers Model "30" Pony Tonneau complete rear axle assembly (or any parts for it) (posted 7/2001) - contact Fred Hoch (#38).
- 1908-1909 Chalmers-Detroit Model F "30" radiator (posted 10/2001) - contact Alan Leclair (#42).
- 1923 Chalmers Model "Y" Jaxon disc wheels (one or more) for 24" tires (posted 2/2002)- contact Alan Maris (#56).
- 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)
- 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)
- 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).

FOR SALE:

- 1909 Model F "30" engine cooling fan assembly (includes fan, hub, pulley, and bracket) in good painted condition with no rust for \$95 or best offer (posted 9/2000) - contact Chuck Fanucci (#45).
- 1916 & 1919 (major parts for two Chalmers cars). Car #1 is a touring model with complete running gear, motor, transmission, drive shaft, front axle, rear end, and gas tank. It has three wheels with an additional three (possible) spares, steering column with other related components, and complete dash with all gauges/ignition components. Additionally, car #1 has two front fenders, hood, one rear fender, two front doors, seat springs, and rear sheet metal. Car #2 also has all running gear, motor, transmission, drive shaft, front axle, and steering column with other related components. In addition, this car has dash gauges, hood, and some seat springs. Pictures are available and the cars

to be sold separately for \$250.00 each or best offer; parts are also available (posted 10/2003) - contact Darrell Lambertson (non-member) in Grants Pass, OR 97527; (541) 659-8891 or (541)-955-4402 and e-mail: dwlambertson@charter.net

A QUESTION FROM A MEMBER

John Lehnert (#35) is seeking information on Chalmers radiator medallions. In a recent letter to me, he asks that I put the following in this newsletter:

"I have three different Chalmers radiator emblems, as pictured in the enclosed 4th page. All are blue and with gold or silver outlines. I would like to know which years and models these various emblems were used on.

Also, would like to learn how many other emblems were used by Chalmers.

Any pictures, sketches, dimensions, or other information would be greatly appreciated so I could assemble a record of all Chalmers emblems used."

This is important to Chalmers history and to correct restoration. Any readers who can contribute more information are urged to contact John Lehnert (#35).

CHALMERS POLO SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

My neighbor's son has a just started side-business called "Maloney Special T's" and I asked him to make a limited number of polo shirts (some times referred to as golf shirts) with a custom Chalmers graphic design on the shirt pocket. These shirts are described below and are offered to the membership for \$20 per shirt (including shipping).

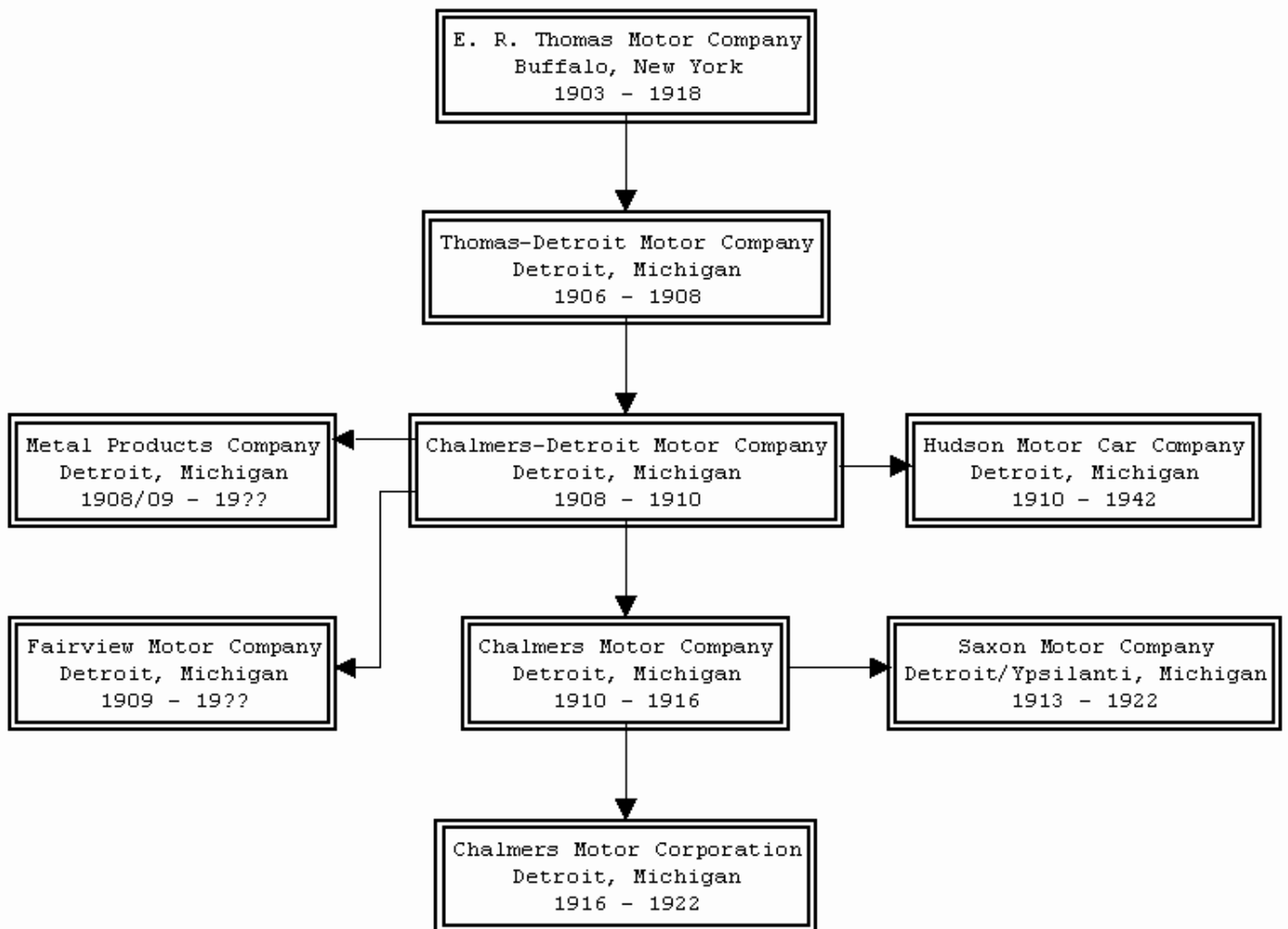
The graphic design is shown on the right in actual size (about 2-1/4" x 2-1/4"). It consists of the Chalmers medallion in blue, yellow (to represent gold), and white colors; and with surrounding text in black. Beginning at the center of the medallion the colors are: white CMC letters in a blue field surrounded by yellow background (shown in gray) with blue letters (company name & location) and ending with a blue outside ring.

All shirts are white short sleeve with 50% cotton and 50% polyester (made by Hanes) and the Chalmers graphic is on the left hand pocket. Shirt sizes are limited to adult large (L) and extra-large (XL). To order: mail your request for quantity and size to D. C. Hammond (110 Sourwood Drive, Hatboro, PA 19040). Please include payment (cash or a check made payable to D. C. Hammond).



EVOLUTION OF THE CHALMERS MOTOR CORPORATION

The December 1907 issue of *Motor News* proclaimed that: "the most notable newcomer for some time in the ranks of the manufacturers of motor cars is Hugh Chalmers ... a student of the progress of the automobile industry ... allied himself with one of the most successful of the younger automobile concerns, the E. R. Thomas-Detroit Co. He has purchased a heavy stock interest, and becomes president of the company". Thus began the evolution of what finally became the Chalmers Motor Corporation. Its lineage goes back to the Buffalo New York firm known by the name E. R. Thomas Motor Company. Edwin Ross Thomas had a reputation for manufacturing large luxury type cars as well as the famous "Thomas Flyer", a sporty type and winner of the 1908 New York-to-Paris race. The Thomas-Detroit Motor Company became a first generation spin-off created to manufacture a new lightweight, lower priced companion to the larger Thomas cars. The Chalmers Motor Corporation ancestral tree is shown below.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Dave Hammond