



Chalmers Automobile Registry

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Hi To All

Thanks to everyone who paid the dues for 2007. Also a special thanks to the Registry member that sent \$158.00 to cover the deficit from 2006. I still have not decided whether to hold the 100th meet in 2008. About 20 members said that they would or may attend and only 4 said they would bring a car. This newsletter has the email and letters that I received since January. I would like to design a new shirt to commemorate the 100th anniversary. If anyone has an idea for a design, let me know.

I have been on a mission to meet Registry members and my wife Judy and I were to the swap meet in Chickasha, OK in March. I had not been to Chickasha in ten years. It is a good show, but too many A and T parts. We still left a few dollars there. When we first arrived, the hotel had over booked. Thanks to confirmation number and a talk with the owner we got out room. Later we ran into our good Great Race friend, Howard Sharpe. Good thing we drove, I got to take Howard's stuff home. With Howard was John Cole, and other Great Race friends Tom Overbaugh, Buck Kamphausen, who is with RM Auctions. We looked at a starter which it turns out belong to Registry members Carl Leonard and John Rehberg. On Friday we went downtown antique shopping while waiting for Dennis and Belle Jackson to arrive from Tyler TX. We all had a nice lunch before we left for home, and Dennis went parts shopping and Belle had a nice nap in the truck. Dennis is working on a 1918 Model 35-C.



Carl Leonard, John Rehberg, Joe Alackness

Welcome to new members Larry and Shirley Snuttjer from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Larry is not sure what model his car is can anyone help? 1910 Model 30 serial number M5972? Looking at other members cars, I'm not sure that all the cars listed in the Registry are correct. By far I am no expert. We have to be sure to use the VIN number and not motor number. Sometimes its hard if not impossible, because VIN plates are removed. Here is an email from Larry that most had received back in January and the response from other members. These questions are a good thing to help in restoring our cars. Next time we get a question I am going to try using the AACA Forum. The problem is getting everyone to use it. It can be a little challenging to use. Last week the email was flying. If we use the forum I do not have to be as involved.

1/21/07

What is the color of the Chalmers model 30 engine for 1910 or 1911? I'm restoring a model 30 and we have the engine apart. Is the lower casting a different color from the block assembly? My car is titled a 1910 but I am thinking it is a 1911. I have the frame at the sandblaster and am hoping to find a serial number upon its return. Thanks---

Larry Snuttjer



Larry

My 1911 Model M has a black block and a bare aluminum crankcase. This would appear to be consistent with the photo of the engine in the user's manual. Here is a picture of my engine.

Best regards, Brian Harlamoff in Santa Cruz, CA

Joe and Larry,

Hi, Paul Ianuario here. My car is a 1910 Chalmers Detroit Model 30. It is an old restoration of a very good original car and was done by a well known restorer in California in the late 1950s. I can only assume that he painted the engine correctly. Long story short, the cylinders, intake manifold, and water pump are all black. The crankcase is unpainted and is therefore silver. I hope this helps. Best, Paul



Larry

I had my 1909 Chalmers completely apart and found no identification of any kind on the frame. As far as I know the engine number is a stamping on the rear of the crankcase at the top. For my case the engine number is 9708 where the 9 is the designated year. I have never seen a crankcase that was painted and I believe the block should be black. Henry Sorensen

Joe

To my knowledge the crankcase on the entire Model 30 Chalmers is aluminum & I would guess it was never painted. I am third owner of my car which is a 1912 and all iron and steel parts of engine are painted black but I cannot say if that is correct or not.

The serial number plate is a fairly large brass plate fastened on top of the frame near the gear shift lever on the 1912 model. Can not speak for earlier cars. *Al Shaw*

Larry

The jugs should be black and the crankcase will be aluminum (bare). I usually paint the crankcase with automotive clear coat with flattener in it so there is no shine. Terry Hulsey

Editor Note: Here is my 2 cents. My Model 32 B has a aluminum crankcase, not painted. Joe A Brian

Thank you for the pictures. That helps a lot. Your car looks really nice. I'm anxious to get mine back together and see how it runs and drives. A friend of mine says it will be a pretty powerful car. I also have a 1909 Model F Buick. I didn't think it would keep up with some of these bigger horsepower cars on these HCCA Tours. I hope I made a good decision. I'm sure I'll be happy with the [Chalmers](#). Thanks---Larry

With all the emails going around, Paul Ianuario asked Larry Snuttjer about brackets on the rear of his car and what they were for. Larry had a trunk rack on his. Paul wanted to know what the rack looked like so he could look for one. Larry responded that he had an extra one. They made a deal and now Paul has a rack also. The rack on the right is on Brian Harlamoff's car.



The next two new members from California and Georgia have interesting names. Meet David J. Chalmers from Kingsburg, California and Toney Chalmers from Canton Georgia. They were both wondering if they were related to Hugh Chalmers. Here are the emails I received.

1/14/07

My brothers and I are trying to find out if we have any ties to both Allis Chalmers and the Chalmers Motor Car. We grew up on a farm and my dad always bought Allis Chalmers tractors and equipment. I remember asking him if we were related, but he said we were about six cousins removed. I've reviewed the history of Allis Chalmers and now want to dig into Chalmers Motor Car Co.

Thanks for you time.

David J. Chalmers

1/21/07

Hi David

Have you found any relationship between Allis and Hugh Chalmers?

Joe Alackness
Chalmers Registry

1/27/07

No. Haven't found any relationship yet. I'm pretty sure there is none. It's sad that this has become interesting to me, my brothers, and my son so late in life, now that the previous generation has left us. I read "Hugh Chalmers: The Man and His Car" and found it extremely interesting. I gave my copy to my son and ordered three more copies for me and my two remaining brothers. I saw a "Chalmers Six" hood or radiator ornament on Ebay awhile back and would like to purchase one. If not the actual item, a good photo of one so I can reproduce the script. I had five brothers. I thought it would be great for the family to make a collage of the six of us with the ornament at the bottom. Thanks again. David J. Chalmers

Editors Note: While at Chickasha swap meet there was someone selling brass script. "Chalmers Detroit 30" \$249 and "Chalmers Six" \$149. Contact Gilliam's Custom Antique Auto Name and Data Plates.3305 summit Rd. Ravenna, Ohio 44266 Phone 330-296-2425

Editors Note: I don't have the original email from Toney, he had contacted Bob Dubois and I called Toney. This is his response.

Hi Joe! I hope all is well with you and your family. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but you know how things are after the holidays. I want to thank you for putting Ted in touch with me following our conversation last month. He contacted me and we got together on a Saturday afternoon with Ted, Elaine and the "Masterpiece". It was absolutely beautiful and Ted and Elaine were a real delight to meet and spend some time with. I brought along my wife Mary Ellen, our two sons Lee and Jeff and our daughter Amy. It would have been a real treat to just see the car, but, Ted took us all for a ride in it, as well. What a dream come true for myself and my family!



We have promised to keep in touch. As I mentioned to you, I have owned a custom aluminum fabrication company for the past thirty-one years and I hope I can assist Ted sometime with one of his restoration projects. It would be a real honor. I took a ton of photos and I will forward them to you in a PDF file in hopes you can use them. I have mailed my newsletter subscription order with the required check and a separate check to order three golf shirts for us guys. Good luck with the Registry and please e-mail or contact me by phone at anytime if I can be of assistance. If you ever make it down to the Atlanta area, I would enjoy meeting you or you and your wife. Perhaps dinner would work! Thanks, Toney Chalmers

Our last new member is from Hubbard, Ohio. George Stiver; George winters in Port St Lucie, Florida. He owns a 1914 Model 24 Touring number 35497, green body, black fender, and black hood.



The first week of April Judy and I went to Georgia to visit our son in Augusta. One thing I like besides old cars is going fast, and while in Atlanta we took a side trip to Atlanta Motor Speedway for some laps at 150 plus MPH. We also spent the morning with Ted and Elaine Saugstad. Ted showed us his literature and cars. What a great job restoring his Chalmers. However Ted informed us he has decided to sell his pride and joy.



Ted and Elaine Saugstad
1920 Chalmers Model 35-C



Terry Hulseley
1914 Chalmers Model 24 Master Six

After lunch we were off to see Terry Hulseley. Terry was waiting for us with his car sitting outside. The restoration is well on its way. Terry said "Hugh Chalmers started the MVP award by giving 2 cars. One to AL and the other to NL. In 1914 Eddie Collins of Philadelphia won a 1914 Master Six Touring. According to puzzles and ads based on a painting the color scheme of the car was blue exterior and red interior including the back of the front seat being painted red. On my car when we took it apart we found red on the frame, suspension, wheel wells, and back of the front seat. According to factory literature, the running gear should have been black. In 1914 the early production cars had fewer louvers in the hood than the later cars. My car is a later serial and also has the larger number of louvers." Terry is also working on a 1907 Olds Model A Palace Touring.



Jaymar Puzzle from the 1950's



Our next stop was at Paul Ianuario's ultimate garage and museum. We met up with Paul and his wife Dinky at a local restaurant for dinner and car talk. Then on to a great tour of Paul's collection of cars and Automobilia. Two Packard's, Chrysler Town and Country, Model A, 1960 Chevy Impala Convertible, 1964 Buick Wildcat one of a kind fiberglass body factory car, 1907 Cadillac touring, Ford Brewster and last but not least a 1910 Chalmers Model K.

Paul and Dinky Ianuario 1910 Model K



Paul's 1907 Cadillac



Hi Joe

The Stutz is done. I'll attach a picture of it. It is a great car, but now I'm back to my Chalmers projects. The 1910 Chalmers Detroit 40 Pony tonneau project is about to get some needed help. I lack only front fenders and few other minor sheet metal pieces to complete the car. A local Chalmers owner, Tom Van Meeteren, is going to fabricate what I need. Carl Leonard made the body for me a couple years ago. It is going to be impressive. Once complete, I'll be disassembling it for paint and final stages. It is the same car as is on the cover of Dave Hammond's book.

I also bought a 1911 30 Torpedo Roadster from John Manfor last year. I'll have to get the numbers to you on these cars. I think you still want those don't you? The '11 30 is an older restored car that needs attention over the winter to have it ready for touring next year. I hope to have at a Chalmers tour.

Thanks for your efforts with the Registry, Joe. If I can help let me know.

Say, I don't know when your next newsletter will be coming out. But, when ever it does, please mention the following that I need to complete my 1910 Chalmers-Detroit Model J 40 HP Pony Tonneau.

For '10 Chalmers-Detroit: Need two items. 1) Cloisonne radiator emblem. Large CD in the center (not CMC). White with Blue enamel. 2) One steel mesh running board. '10 C-D running boards have steel strips, bent zig-zag and set on edge, forming diamond pattern. Then brass bound. I'd appreciate the help. I'll get pictures of the progress in the next few weeks.

Thanks John Rehberg



John Rehberg's 1911 Chalmers Model 30 and 1920 Stutz [Model H Bearcat](#)

Hi Dave

Your first e-mail did not open. I'm not sure what you are asking or am I slow today? You know that Chalmers was using Thomas parts to build cars in 1908, so the cars could look similar. Also Thomas was in Buffalo. The tank on the running board is acetylene to power the headlights and was on most cars of that time period.

Joe Alackness

Chalmers Registry

3/27/07

Hello again,

After sending the photo of what I thought was a Chalmers I now think, after seeing the red Thomas Flyer on your home page, that the car my Grandfather is in, is a Thomas Flyer. The back of the original photo says "1916 Chalmers" and several years ago I looked up some Chalmers info on the web and found Chalmers cars that were very similar but the side lighting and the "cranked" windscreen on that Thomas are very close to what is in my photo. The running board "tank" seems to show up on Thomas cars a lot too. Interesting stuff. I wonder if the photo was taken in 1916. It makes sense that the Lehigh Valley Railroad would buy a car in Buffalo. A rather big buck car for the time too.

Dave

3/28/07

Hi Joe

Thanks very much for your help and thanks for including it in the newsletter. Below is what I know about my Grandfather Fred. Frederic Russell Stevens, my grandfather, was the New York State historian at some point in the early 1900's. He also was an "agriculturist" for the Lehigh Valley Railroad in NY state around 1908-1916. He traveled to South America on "Lumber Expeditions", either buying logs or lumber. There are some photos, marked "Bolivia", of him standing on huge piles of logs for the LVRR. The Chalmers Photo has always been at the top of a pile of old photos that I look through. There are others that show it in the background. I have contacted the Lehigh Valley Railroad (historical) to see if they know about any records from the time. Maybe they will know what kind of cars they had. I have yet to hear back from them. I learned that the LVRR started in Mauch Chunk (later Jim Thorpe) PA and hauled coal. It expanded into NY State in the 1870's and ran right through Geneva NY and later from Penn Station to Buffalo (where Thomas cars were built) with passenger service. With the recent death of my father (Fred's only son), our family has suddenly realized that we had many unanswered questions about Fred Stevens. He died around 1960, when I was 8 years old or so. I remember him as an "adventurer" who had stories of his travels and Indians and other stuff that both scared me and fascinated me.

What is it?



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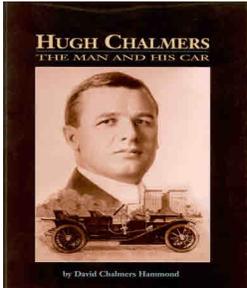
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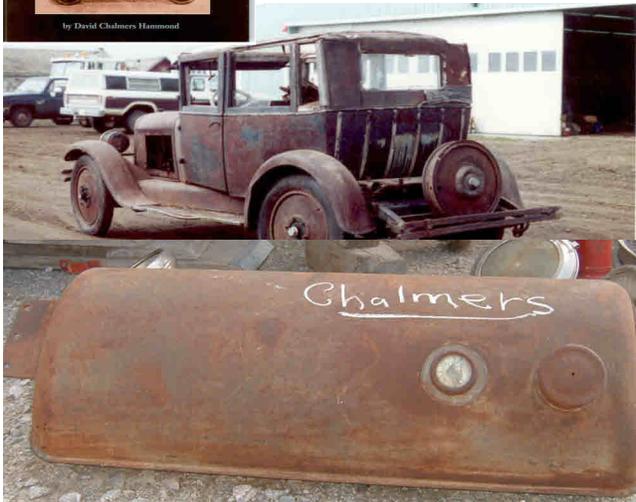


For Sale

White Chalmers Golf Shirts, Stedman by Hanes with Chalmers Emblem on pocket. Sizes XLarge (46-48), Large (42-44). \$20 includes shipping in US. Make check payable to Joe Alackness and mail to Joe Alackness 908 2nd Ave, Royersford, PA. 19468



“Hugh Chalmers: The Man and His Car” the book by Dave Hammond \$25 plus \$7.00 Priority Mail or \$3.50 Media Mail shipping and handling. Make check payable to Ruth Hammond and mail to 110 Sourwood Dr., Hatboro, PA. 19040



1923 Chalmers Coach Serial Y1304, 6 Cylinder 117 inch wheel base. Wood in the body needs to be redone. Sheet metal fair to good. Upholstery good for patterns. \$1685 US funds. Reynolds Museum Alberta, Canada 403-352-5201 or 403-352-6201

**For Sale Gas tank
Wayne Walker 785-889-4667**

For sale: 1920 Chalmers, Model 35-C, 5 pass. touring. Ground up restoration. AACA Senior winner 2003. Complete set of side curtains, original tool set and owner's manual. Built-in Kellogg air pump. Blue with black fenders and top. Photos on request. \$27,000. Email tedelaine@bellsouth.net or phone 770-579-2672

Wanted

Wanted Right rear axle (I think both are the same), speedometer cable, and Generator for a 1915 Model 32 6-40 Lee Lemens #48

Wanted 1908-1912 Chalmers and footrest for the rear of a touring car see picture right. Joe Alackness 610-948-1326 or chalmersregistry@aol.com



Hi Alan,

I did some research on the top holders used on our cars. I checked the parts book for the '16 Chalmers, came up with part numbers (DA 3747 DA3748), and cross referenced it. It turns out the same parts were used through 1921. If you need additional information, i.e. dimensions, let me know. This will at least give you some idea as to what you are looking for.

Regards, Bob DuBois

Hi Joe,

Alan Mabbott is missing the two brackets at the aft end of his tonneau, which supports the top when it's in the down position. I have two different brackets; one matches the photo I sent to Alan. Ted Saugstag sent me photos of the bracket(s) used on his '20 Chalmers. My second bracket matches Ted's. So who's correct? I've found that automobile companies including Chalmers changed parts as their supplies were exhausted. I had a similar incident a couple of weeks ago, Al Maris needed detailed information on the aft door latch plate for his '23 Sport touring. After researching both the '21 touring and the '23 touring, I found that the parts were similar, but different, though both serve the same purpose. I sent Al both sketches, so he can pick either one.

Bob DuBois



1916 Model 30 Parts Book

1914 Model 24

1920 Model 35C



1915 Model 26B 11 inches 1915 Model 32B 11 inches

If you have a different bracket than ones of the above. Take a photo close up, also the length and send it in and I will keep a record of each year. It appears that the parts book and the 1920 35C are the same.

Hi

I was wondering if you have a record of a 1910 Chalmers 30 Raceabout #18910. It was owned by Roger May whom passed away last year and was recently purchased by a friend. I am storing the car if you need any photos or info on the car.

Thanks, Glenn Roberts

Hi Glenn

We do not have any information on your friend's car and would like to have whatever we can get. If you go to our web site www.chalmersregistry.com, go to Join the Registry and print the form and fill in as much as you can. Pictures are great. We only pass information to registry members and only what you approval. Thanks for contacting us. Joining the Registry is free; the newsletter is \$5 a year.

Thanks **Joe Alackness Chalmers Registry**

Can anyone help?



1911 Chalmers 30 Model 9

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