

getting started



The field demonstrations are a highlight of the Orange Spectacular.

Bigger Things To Come

The 2010 Orange Spectacular is scheduled for July 24–25. In 2011, the Upper Midwest A-C Collectors Club has been asked to host the Gathering of the Orange on July 22–24, held just before the Spectacular gets under way. When held in combination with the Minnesota show in 2011, the Gathering of the Orange promises to be one of the largest gatherings of Allis-Chalmers tractors and equipment ever assembled. To learn more about either show, log on to orangespectacular.com or gatheringoftheorange.com.

Changes are in the wind, says Karg. At this point in his life, he says he's just about ready to turn the reins over to a younger generation. That includes his own tractor restoration talents, which have been extensive over the years.

"The last piece of equipment I restored was an Allis-Chalmers Model D road grader in 2008,"

Karg explains, noting its special significance since it was one he used when a City of Hutchison employee. "Other than that, I've just been doing some touch-ups and repairs on the tractors I already own. I'll be 65 next year, though, and due to some health problems, I can't do as much in a day as I used to. So I'm hoping to give two more good years

to the Orange Spectacular and then step back. It's not that I won't still be involved. I just don't want to be in a position where it affects the show if I can't follow through." With nearly two decades of volunteer efforts behind them, it's obvious that Karg and his fellow enthusiasts have made a lasting impact on those who appreciate the orange tractor. ■

Farm Show Preview

It's almost time for the fall farm show season, which, for most farmers, means sore feet and perhaps a new cap. With a little planning, you can gain a wealth of information. Here's a sample of what's coming up:

Farmfest
August 3–5
Redwood County, Minn.
www.farmshows.com

Empire Farm Days
August 10–12
Seneca Falls, N.Y.
www.empirefarmdays.com

Farm Progress Show
August 31–September 2
Boone, Iowa
www.farmprogressshow.com

Big Iron Farm Show
September 14–16
West Fargo, ND
www.bigironfarmshow.com

Husker Harvest Days
September 14–16
Grand Island, Neb.
www.huskerharvestdays.com

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show
September 14–16
Woodstock, Ont.
www.outdoorfarmshow.com

Farm Science Review
September 21–23
London, Ohio
fsr.osu.edu

Sunbelt Ag Expo
October 19–21
Moultrie, Ga.
www.sunbeltexpo.com

This list is far from complete, considering smaller state and regional shows. To learn more, visit www.farmshows.org.