



# KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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## Atwoods Show

Atwoods has reached out to the club for a couple of events. April 15th, which has been on the calendar. This is similar to the event that we attended last year in April. There will be a favorite tractor contest. Last April the winner was awarded an \$100 gift certificate. If you have been by the Atwoods store location at 400 S. Broadway in Salina, you would have seen a major upgrade to the front of the store. They will be celebrating their Grand Opening in March. We had to see many of you with your tractors at this first show of the year. Last year we had a nice turnout. We would like to have a larger turnout this year. Get your tractors polished up, gassed up and greased up for this first show of the year. Don't forget to check the tires. The show will begin at 9 am and the prize drawing will be held at 3 pm.



## Tractor Drive

The Tractor drive is set and as always it is the first Saturday in May. May 6th to be exact. We will meet in Assaria at the park where the fall festival is held each year in September.

Please be unloaded and ready to go by 9 am. The drive will start promptly at 9:30. The drive will be right at 30 miles with a break in the morning and afternoon with a lunch in Lindsborg. This is bring your own lunch. Water will be provided.

Each tractor will be \$25. Each person who brings additional tractor will pay \$10 for each additional tractor. The funds from the tractor drive will be use for Scholarship prizes each spring. We would like a big turnout for this years drive.

In case of rain the drive will be move to the next Saturday. There are still some details being worked out for the drive, but it should be a fun filled eventful day for everyone.

Some of the rules of the drive include, no riders, unless a secure seat is available. Tractors must be able to maintain a 10 miles per hour. In case a tractor ahead of you is slowing, pass to keep the line close together. We will have chase trucks that will assist with any who encounters problems with their tractor. If you have not participated in a drive before, you are in for a real treat. Please join the rest of your friends and neighbors.

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# Big Turnout at Annual Meeting

The weather cooperated nicely with decent temperatures and clear skies. Members and guest began showing up before 11 am and stayed well after the meeting was over.

President Michael welcome members and guest. Introduce the current officers and the board of directors.

Dennis Stolzenburg gave the blessing for the meal. Jim's Chicken of Salina catered the meal with roast beef, mash potato's and green beans. A "beefed" up roast beef sandwich. For desert you could choose between, Apple, strawberry rhubarb, and cherry pie. The meal was outstanding. Hats off to the staff of Jim's Chicken.

The meeting was called to order by President Michael. The treasure report was presented by the president as Deb Boldenow, club Treasure, was taking the minutes for the meeting. The Treasure Report was accepted by the members.

Next was the secretary report of the minutes from last years meeting. But the minutes were left behind at the Boldenows home. So the minutes were not read.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss raising club dues

The club officers and board of directors met Feb 1st to discuss raising club dues. In order to maintain enough money in the club account to meet expenses, scholarship and restoration grant money, it was voted by the Offices and Board of Directors to raise the dues 5 dollars to \$25 annually. Since we did not have time to present it to the club through the newsletter, it was decided to put iit to a vote to the club member in attendance at this years annual meeting for approval. The measure passed. Dues at next years annual meeting will be #25.00

Next, again because the cost and available funds, it was decided by the Club officers and board of directors to not pay for a guest meal next year at the annual meeting. The club will pay for all existing and new members meal. If you bring a guest and that guest joins the club, that person's meal will be paid by the club.

The members in attendance vote to pass this measure.

It was brought up to the club members that several members wanted to be added to the board of directors. In addition board members will serv-er a maximum of 3 years. Nominations were made for the following existing members to be add to the board and that they would serve the number of years

**Austin Anders— 3 years**

**Cain Hiner— 3 years**

**Janice Janssen— 3 years**

**Peter Martin— 3 years**

Existing Board members

**Dennis Stolzenburg— 2 years**

**Ed Viar— 2 years**

**Ken Giersch—2 years**

It was brought to the members in attendance a vote to add the additional board members with varying terms of service and approved.

Discussion was held about the upcoming tractor drive and a request for a committee to head up the drive for next year, in addition for a committee to look for other venues within about 20 miles of Salina to hold as possible new shows. Locations. Nothing was voted for this.

Lastly a motion was made to keep existing officers

**Michael Boldenow—President**

**Deb Boldenow—Secretary / Treasure**

**Dan Helm—Vice President.**

The motion was 2nd and the attending members voted to keep existing officers.

We would ike to thank everyone for make the trip to Salina to attend this years meeting. It was nice to have a large group show up. Especially those of your who came from out of town. Special thanks to the Members and care takers of the Central Kansas Flywheels for the use of their faculties and opening the doors to the museum. See everyone next year!

## Drive your Tractor to School

One of the many things I do is being an admin for the "You know if you grew up in Belleville if you remember...". I didn't grow up or ever lived in the small north central town.

The week of February 19th was National FFA week. And to honor National FFA week, Students who attend Belleville High school and have a tractor, which many did, drove their tractor to school Tuesday February 21st. A video was posted of the tractors parading through the small town of Belleville to the high school in various styles and make of tractors. The morning sun lit the route for the tractors. I have seen a similar drive such as this in past years. This is a great tradition that I hope continues to happen for years to come. And hopefully spread to other towns throughout the state.



## The Next Generation of Tractor Owners

The next generation of tractor owners and restorers are among us and they may not know that owning and restoring a tractor is in the future unless we introduce them to one of their own.

My 13 year old grandson, Evan has been driving his grandmothers Minneapolis Moline for about a year and is ready to embark upon his first Tractor drive. He has attended many drives before but riding in a trailer behind a tractor either being pull me or his dad.

He is fortunate enough that his MM has been restore and is in pretty good running order. But he doesn't mind getting his hand dirty checking the oil, adding air to the tires or taking a grease gun and hitting all the zerks to quite all the squeaks. We have made a trip around the square mile around where he lives and will take a few more before the tractor drive in May.

I would like to challenge you to get a young person in your life a chance to drive one of your tractors. Teach them about checking the oil, tire pressure and where to find all of the places where it needs to be greased.

Teach them how to be safe and let

them practice driving in a field at a slow pace until they get comfortable and you will know when they are hooked when you see that smile on their face and they ask how to shift it to the next gear.

We need to get the next generation of tractor owners involved in driving a tractor. It doesn't take a lot of time. A couple weekends a month of getting them on the tractor, and letting them drive around the field a few times. Many of use were young when we started driving a tractor, but we were plowing or disking fields for hours on end. But we enjoy it much more that shoveling manure out of a calf pen.

We need more young people to want to be involve with restoring and driving old tractors. Passing on our passion to them is everyone's responsibility. Maybe someday they will be driving their tractor to school for FFA Week.



## We are accepting Scholarship applications Now

The Kansas Tractor Club wants to award a college student with at least 1000 dollars. This is for anyone attending any 4 or 2 year college

and vocational school, like Salina tech. Encourage anyone to fill out the application located at the Kansas Tractor Club web site. We must have all applications

before April 1st and we will award the winner on or before by April 15th. Go to [www.kansastractorclub.com](http://www.kansastractorclub.com) and click on the scholarship link. Complete the form

online and email or print it out, and send it to...

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**Dennis Stolzenburg, Ed Viar,**

**Ken Giersch, Austin Anders**

**Cain Hiner, Janice Janssen,**

**Peter Martin**



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