



KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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Mid America Farm Expo

The annual Mid America Farm Expo, a three day event was held in Salina March 21st, 22nd, and 23. On the third day of the event under a cloudy cool sky, several members of the Kansas Tractor Club, along side the International club setup their tractors outside the Tony's Pizza Event Center. The Kansas Tractor Club has 13 tractors on display. Unlike other shows, this shows visitors were mostly farmers with tractors of their own and had their stories to share with our members. Inside a booth was setup to greet visitors and hopefully pick a few new members. There was a decent crowd to visit the booth inside the hall and outside where many members braved the chilly weather. Special thanks to Michael Bowdenow, Ken Grish, and Janice Janssen for submitting pictures and information about the day



Upcoming Events

July 1st The next event that we hope to draw not only a lot of tractors, but a big crowd of onlookers will be at Atwoods in Salina. Mark your calendar for July 1st. This will be our 2nd show at Atwoods this year since the April 14th show. We will have Peter Martins's trailer on hand offering visitors rides for a donation. We will have the 50/50 raffle fund raiser for the club.

We are hoping for mild temperatures and large turnout.

August 8th One event that many club members look forward to every year is the Tri-Rivers fair parade. This is a Tuesday evening start. Tractors and drivers should show up between 5:00 and 6:00 pm somewhere around the Salina fire station on Elm street for a 7 o'clock start. The drive will be on Santa Fe south to Prescott. There is always a large crowd. Bring your "waving hand". Kids love to see and wave at all the drivers.

August 12. The club has been invited again to the Tri-Rivers fair. The location for our display has yet to be determine. We try to setup before 10 am and usually we will stay until 2 in the afternoon. Plenty of food vendors and lots to see. Circle the date and polish up the tractor and hope to see everyone there.

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Board of Directors meeting make ruling on Scholarship

The Kansas Tractor Club Board of Directors met at Ken Girsch's place to discuss making changes to the Scholarship. It was discussed that the scholarship will only awarded to a Kansas Student, attending a Kansas college or vocational college. The club wanted to give Kansas students a better shot at getting the annual \$1000.00 scholarship.

After discussion the resolution was voted and passed by the attending members. At the June 5th board of directors meeting it was voted to have the rules for scholarship added as a policy to the clubs by-laws.

Other discussions at the June 5th BOD meeting at Russells Restaurant.

All officers were present and 4 of the 7 board of directory were present. Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved. Money raised from the Tractor drive in May and the last three tractor shows have raised \$474.50 to the club bank account. Since no scholarship was awarded this year, our account balance is \$4182.19. New items of discussion were the cost of the Kansas Tractor Club web site. The cost for the hosting is \$369.00 every three years, with a \$28 payment per year for the domain name.

The Board will have an amendment added to the club bylaws stating that Board of directors will serve 1 to 3 years, with the option of staying a board member to be voted by club members at the annual meeting. Board of directors must have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 10. The current count is 7.

Officers will serve 3 years. They can run for the same office after every three years. The president and secretary/treasure are in their 2nd year of their three year term. Vice president has the option not to run at the end of the current term.

There as some discussion for a fall "for fun only" tractor drive. No date has been set. More will be discuss at tractor shows and the September board of directors meeting. If you are interested, please reach out to a board member that would like to take part in the drive.

The board approved the purchase of three new Kansas Tractor Club banners. They will be bigger with the picture of a antique tractor. The next board of directors meeting will be September 5th.

Kansas Tractor Club Annual Tractor Drive

After several years of either not having a drive or a rain drenched drive, we had a good weather for the years drive. 19 Tractors started and finished the drive starting at the Assiara Park. We enjoy clear sky's and light winds to start the day.

The drive started promptly at 9:30 after a short drivers meeting. The route took us through Assiara and then east. We rode for about hour and half and stopped for a break.



The line of mix bag of tractors started moving again and our next stop will be on the south side of Lindsborg. There is a housing complex surrounding a small pond with a restaurant at the end of the drive. Plenty of outside sitting under cover from the heat of the sun. Everyone enjoyed their lunch with brownies and lemonade supplied by our host. Awards were passed out for the oldest driver, \$25 each to Evan Helm for the youngest drive and Ed Ball, the oldest. \$50 to Daryl Lemann for traveling the furthest distant.



After lunch, everyone started their tractors and as the leader lead the way, everyone followed. If you have wanted to join our ride the first Saturday in May, get it on your calendar. Great time and conversation was had by all.

More events are scheduled

More scheduled events

September 2nd Bombaars, formally Orschlen Farm and Home in Salina will host their tractor show. As of this newsletter, Orschlen is still displayed on the building in north Salina. They are still making changes, but there is still a grand prize of \$100 gift card for the visitors favorite tractor and a truck load of door prizes. Well, maybe not a truckload, but plenty for everyone who brings a tractor.

October 6th Tractor drive preceding the Heritage Days in Abilene. This will be the 2nd year of this drive and they are looking for a large turnout. You can call Abilene Heritage museum for details of the drive.

October 7th Heritage Days Abilene. This is always a big show for tractors. This years feature is the Oliver and John Deere. It was a certain series of JD, but all tractors are welcome. This is a day long event. Something for everyone in the family. Come early and stay late. Bring the family. There will be a parade of tractors and plenty of tractor games.

The first Saturday in May was the Kansas Tractor Club tractor drive that was followed with a trip to McPherson for the Orschlen Farm and Home. Several people made the trek to McPherson for the show. Weather was decent, maybe a little on the warm side. Congratulations Larry Sorenson on winning the Bomgaars McPherson show today with his 1963 Allis Chalmers D15. The win netted Larry a \$100 gift card and a chance to have himself and his Allis, the 2024 Bomgaars antique Tractor Calendar.



No one is real sure there will be a Calander since Orscheln sold out to Bomgaars.

The next was the Pie festival in Gypsum Kansas. A few of the clubs tractors made the show that day and there were a nice selection of tractors from the around the Gypsum area. All that went that displayed a tractor

were given a pie. This was the clubs first trip to Gypsum. Those that went enjoyed the event and the tractors were welcomed.



Next show just a week later in Bennington. The first weekend of June is Bennington Rodeo time and Fun time, downtown Bennington. This was a day long event with lots of games kids and grownup alike. People talked about their favorite tractor and the memories that go with those machines from yesterday.

Each show this year, new members were adminted into the club. A 50/50 raffle was awarded, Some even donated the money back to the club. Thank You!! We hope to see you at the next event in July.



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 and click on the scholarship link. Complete the form

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

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