



KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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Tractor Drive 2024 is in the Books

The weather in May in Kansas is always unpredictable. And this May 4th was no exception. Early morning rains were predicted and so we decided to move the start time of the drive back by 30 minutes to 9:30 am. 15 drivers and their tractors made their way to Gypsum, Kansas despite the start of the day being in the high 40's under thick, cloudy skies. Rain that fell through the night had pushed off to the east.

The drive started on time and we followed Pete Martin and his Farmall H complete with a huge American Flag adorning the front of his red Farmall. We wound our way around the Gypsum elevator and worked our way to Main Street, headed north to start our 30 plus mile tractor drive. Much of the morning drive was on gravel roads. We encountered several soft spots where the overnight rain has softened the dirt. Many of the tractors avoided these soft spots, not because getting stuck, but slinging mud, which was unavoidable in many places along the route. We stopped for a short break about a little more than an hour into the drive. I guess just to make sure everyone was doing ok. We moved on towards for a

official morning break at Charlie Waddles place. Charlie's wife had fresh, home made cinnamon rolls and hot coffee. We took a few pictures, mounted our tractors and off again. Our next stop was a little detour that was not in the original route. We toured the Martin homestead, established in 1874. It was a picturesque drive through a covered bridge and tree line drive. Beautiful drive.



It was a few minutes here and then back across the bridge and on our way to our lunch stop at Pete Martins place. Quit the showplace. We had a chance to eat and stretch our legs.

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What is in this
Issue

“Touch the Truck Event And Tractors!

**Board of Directors Meeting
5/20/2024**

**Kansas tractor Club has a
new email address...**

ktc@kansastractorclub.com

**Atwoods April Show was a
big hit**

**New Member List 2024
with Favorite Tractor**

Gypsum Pie Festival

“Touch A Truck” Event

Heartland Early Education in Salina

Ed Viar was approached by a faculty member of the Heartland Early Education to see if our club could bring a couple of tractors to their “Touch-A-Truck” event to be held May 2nd at the school. This has been an annual event for the past few years and it has continued to grow. Parents and Grandparents are to bring their children and grandchildren to the “hands on” event. It is an event where young people are encouraged to sit in the seats, blow the horn, no matter how loud the horn may be and learn about what these big trucks can do.

There were snow plows, road graters, police cars, school buses, high-line boom trucks, local race cars and much more. The event is to show children what these big riggs can do. They were able to sit inside a police and highway patrol cruiser and, who knows, they could see themselves seeking out a career that may put them behind the wheel of one of these interesting vehicals.

Ed Viar brought his John Deere B and Dan Helm brought his Farmall B. The kids had a great time asking questions and sitting behind the wheel of these tractors.

In addition to all of this, Tony’s Pizza dropped a 60’ trailer at the school filled with frozen, Red Baron’s pizza to give away to whoever asked.

There were a lot of kids and everyone had a great time.



2024 Member List

In future newsletters we’ll be adding members name and hometown and hopefully their favorite tractor to each newsletter. We value your membership and want to make it known to whoever reads this newsletter.

| <u>Member</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Tractor</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Bill Henry | Solomon | 8-20 IHC Farmall |
| Cain Hiner | Assaria | Ford 8N |
| Carol Viar | Salina | 52 John Deere G |
| Leon Ball | Belleville | Alis Chalmers D17 & D-15 |
| David Kratzer | Geneseo | John Deere D |
| Raymond Bilson | Smolan | 41 Farmall H F 69 Cub JD 730 63 Allis D-15 |
| Evan Helm | Salina | 51 Minneapolis Moline |
| Larry Sorenson | Hope | John Deere |
| Jim Becker | Salina | 56 John Deere |
| Ken Giersch | Salina | John Deere MC 1440 |
| Wally Wolf | Abilene | Ford 841 |
| David Carson | Bennington | Allis |
| John Carson | Bennington | Allis |
| Terry Urban | Salina | Ford 8N |
| Allan James | McPherson | Farmall 5M |
| Jim Patry | Salina | IH |
| Don Benninga | Manhattan | John Deere |
| Rex Russell | Mentor | #2 Coop |

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Despite windy conditions, the sun was warm and we had a great turnout for the first show of the year. We had a show of 18 tractors including an restored John Deere Garden tractor. That was enjoyed by many visitors. We hope to see more garden tractors in future shows. In addition to the free lunch of hotdogs and a drink, Dennis Stolzenburg and his 49 Farmall H was voted the favorite of the everyone who voted.

Dennis was awarded a \$25 gift card, which he donated back to the club.

Everyone had a great time telling stories and checking out the additions to the show this year. It was nice to get the tractors out for this show before the big tractor drive at the first Saturday in May.

The next show at Atwoods will be the last Saturday in October. This will be the Halloween show. We will be passing out candy, treating all kids who will be dressed up for the event. Hope to see a lot of tractors at this fall show.



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During lunch, Barb Hiner, Secretary/Treasurer, announced winners for the youngest Driver, Evan Helm, Oldest driver, Bill Henry, and Traveling the longest distant to the drive, each received \$25 and \$50 given to Dayrl Lohmann for hauling their tractor the greatest distant for the drive.

Jerry May stopped by in is 54 Ford Custom. Very sharp looking ride.

Just after 1, everyone started their tractors and we headed back out to head south back to Gypsum. Ed Viar Join the drive for the afternoon trek back to Gypsum. We had a short stop in Kip to stretch the legs. Janice broke the key off and could not restart her tractor for the last leg of the drive. Her soon came with a new key and she was back on the road again. Every one arrive back to the elevator in Gypsum and quickly loaded our rides and headed for the shed. It was a great day for a drive. We are hoping for more riders at our next drive.



Another May Show! Gypsum Pie Festival

The Tractor Drive was the big event for May, but the Gypsum Pie Festival was another fun event. The Bennington Fun Day and Parade posted this note on their facebook Page.

“Thanks to [David Carson](#) and the [Kansas Tractor Club](#) for bringing out some awesome antique tractors. “

I believe there were 5 tractors which included a nice little garden tractor that took the prize of the judges and the hearts of those who saw the tractor. Although there were not a lot of tractors, there was a nice crowd for the day long event. The winner's was not available at the time of the newsletter. The winning tractor was a 782 Cub Cadet from International.

Congratulations to winner and everyone who was able to attend. I hope you didn't eat too much pie!



Minutes from May 20th Board meeting

Board of directors and officers meet May 20th, at Tim Pestinger's place on Stinger street. In attendance was President Cain Hiner, Vice President, Dan Helm, Secretary/Treasure, Barb Hiner. Board of Directors included Pete Martin, Dennis Stolzenburg, Austin Anders, Pete White, Janice Janssen and David Carson. Ed Viar did not attend.

Meeting was called to order and the minutes were read and accepted. The board visited again on the scholarship. Cain announced that Jim Patry resigned from the Scholarship committee. The discussion was going to be made to drop the individual annual scholarship to a institution. Another Idea was brought up about giving the scholarship to just one student in a certain high school. When visiting Ell Saline High School on senior signing day, scholarship awards were presented to the student by a member of the scholarship committee person. Not only are we still awarding a student money, we are presenting the award in front of all other students and parents of winner that will promote the Kansas Tractor Club.

Another item was a laptop computer was donated to the club for the secretary treasure. It was asked that the club pay the monthly fee of 6.99 for Office 365 products. PC was donated by Dan Helm. For all emails to the club, you can send to ktc@kansastractorclub.com. This is for all Club related business.

Another item for discussion was to have a fall tractor drive. Pete White and Pete Martin will be looking at a date and route.

Thank You cards were sent to Fuller Septic for use of the Porta-John; Pete Martin for use of his shop for lunch & for mapping out the Drive; Peter White for mapping out the Drive; Dennis Stolzenburg for being 'advisor' to Pete & Pete; Peggy Stolzenburg for helping me register the drivers that wet, windy morning! Charlie & Elaine Waddle for use of their shop & facilities for our 1st break, also the wonderful cinnamon rolls & coffee! And last, but not least, the Saline County Sheriff's Dept for holding traffic on E Country Club Rd for tractor drive to get to Peter Martin's place SAFELY!! Thank You, Dan, for taking the photos...always appreciated!

Member List 2024 including Favorite tractor

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| <u>Member</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Tractor</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Rex Russell | Mentor | #2 Coop |
| Dennis Stolzenburg | Salina | Farmall |
| Rae Luginsland | Hutchinson | Farmall B |
| Pete White | Salina | 1953 Ford Jubilee |
| Ridge Johnson | Smolan | 1929 John Deere D |
| Austin Anders | Enterprise | 1929 Case L |
| Ron Plymell NEW | Assaria | (no tractor listed) |
| Robert Knitter NEW | Clay Center | (no tractor listed) |
| Doug DeGraff NEW | Concordia | John Deere 620 Std |
| Robert Fablinger NEW | Gypsum | John Deere |
| Gary Wisbey NEW | Salina | (no tractor listed) |
| James Owsley NEW | El Dorado | (no tractor listed) |
| Richard Owsley NEW | Leon | (no tractor listed) |
| Augustus Anders NEW | Chapman | (no tractor listed) |
| Don Brunhoeber NEW | Augusta | (no tractor listed) |

WELCOME! ; to all of our new members. We are very happy that you have joined our group. We hope to see many of you at our future shows. Please send any information about Tractor shows in your area. We would like to post them to the Kansas Tractor Club web site calendar. Send all information to ktc@kansastractorclub.com



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Pete White—Janice Janssen

Peter Martin—David Carson



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regularly for
upcoming events.

Next newsletter publication will be
mailed **June, 2024**

If you would like to submit a story and/
or pictures for the KTC newsletter,
please send it to

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