



KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

Issue No. 52 Fall 2025

Salina Street Fair Parade and Fall Tractor Drive

A Fall Tractor drive was discussed at the board of directors meeting held on August 19, 2025, at Pete Martin property on Country Club Road. October 18th was the date set aside for the drive. No Kansas State Football this weekend. The route has yet to be completed, but we will be starting the drive in Salina. We are going to work with the Central Kansas Flywheels and use their location as a starting and ending location.

A board member may be calling or may have already called you to give you the details of the drive. It will not be as long as our spring drive and the starting point should be somewhere around Salina.

In addition to the tractor drive, we will be participating in the Salina Street Fair Parade September 27th. We need to line up for the parade by 9:30 am for the 10:00 am Parade. The Kansas Tractor Club will be lining up on Santa Fe Ave. Just north of Elm Street. We hope for a large turnout for this event. You are welcome to stay for all the events after parade, which includes a chili cookoff, face painting, live music

and just about everything for the whole family. The club will only be doing the parade. We will not be showing our tractors.

Nice Turnout for Tri-Rivers Parade

The Kansas Tractor Club was nicely represented at this year's Tri Rivers Fair Parade.

11 tractors lined up for the 7 pm parade down Santa Fe Avenue. At the start of the parade, three tractors had to be pull started, including my Farmall H.

We still had time to sit around and tell stories.

No one had issues keeping their tractor running during the parade. There was a large crowd on hand from Elm Street to Prescott that turned out for the annual event. Thanks to all that participated.



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Positions to Consider At next Annual Meeting

The process of selecting the club's next officers should now be considered. Dan Helm, who has been Vice President since 2012 and had taken on the role of President and Treasurer since our 2024 meeting will be stepping down.

Janice Janssen, a board of directors, had taken on the duties of Secretary this past year will be stepping down from this duty. If the club is to remain a club, someone needs to step up and apply for one of these three positions. I have listed a brief description of the three upcoming vacant seats.

1. President—Oversee all meetings. The president will schedule quarterly meetings with the other officers and all board of directors. Appoint committees for tractor drives and any shows that the club will attend.
2. Vice President— Attend all meetings scheduled by the President. To conduct meetings when the President is absent. Attend committee meetings when requested. Including the Scholarship committee if this committee is again formed.
3. Secretary—Attends all meeting scheduled by President. Reads notes from previous meetings and takes notes of Quarterly and annual meetings. Supplies those notes to be added to newsletter.
4. Treasure— The treasure will attend all meeting. They will notify the officers and Board of Directors of the financial health of the club. The treasure will be responsible for seeing that bills, if any, are paid. A board of Director and President will be authorized check signers.

In the past we have had the Secretary and Treasure as one position and we can continue with this process if we cannot find someone to fill each position.

If no one can be found to fill these positions, the club will cease to exist. The club was formed in August of 2012 and many of us would like to continue as a club. Please consider one of the above positions. Talk to your friends. The club needs new ideas to move ahead. Bring your ideas and a friend to the annual meeting on the first Saturday in February.



2025 Member List

This is a list of current members. When you have finished reading this newsletter, please pass it on to a neighbor/friend so that may learn more about club and our activities. If we are missing someone from this list that is a member, please email Dan Helm at dhelm537@gmail.com.

<u>Leon Ball</u>	<u>Belleville</u>	<u>Bill Henry</u>	<u>Solomon</u>
<u>Don Benninga</u>	<u>Manhattan</u>	<u>Chuck Henry</u>	<u>Solomon</u>
<u>Richard Bowman</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Alan James</u>	<u>McPherson</u>
<u>John Carson</u>	<u>Bennington</u>	<u>David Kratzer</u>	<u>Geneseo</u>
<u>Dan Helm</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Roger & Patricia</u>	
<u>Ken Wasserman</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Landauer</u>	<u>Salina</u>
<u>Wally Wolfe</u>	<u>Abilene</u>	<u>Raymond Bilson</u>	<u>Smolan</u>
<u>Doug Degraff</u>	<u>Concordia</u>	<u>Ridge Johnson</u>	<u>Smolan</u>
<u>Ed Ball</u>	<u>Belleville</u>	<u>Jerry May</u>	<u>Salina</u>
<u>Evan Helm</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Ron Plymell</u>	<u>Assaria</u>
<u>Gary Boldenow</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Galen Nelson</u>	<u>Wichita</u>
<u>Gary Wisbey</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>James Patry</u>	<u>Salina</u>
<u>Dennis Stolzenburg</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Terry Urban</u>	<u>Salina</u>
<u>Janice Janssen</u>	<u>New Cambria</u>	<u>Leroy Quade</u>	<u>Salina</u>
<u>David Carson</u>	<u>Bennington</u>	<u>Jim Sekavec</u>	<u>Hoisington</u>
<u>Larry Sorenson</u>	<u>Hope</u>	<u>Robert Knitter</u>	<u>Clay Center</u>
<u>Paul McAfee</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Ed & Carol Viar</u>	<u>Salina</u>
<u>Peter Martin</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Galen Nelson</u>	<u>Wichita</u>
<u>Pete White</u>	<u>Salina</u>	<u>Verle Amthauer</u>	<u>Junction City</u>
		<u>Austin Anders</u>	<u>Chapman</u>



There is still plenty of money in our bank to award another scholarship in 2026. If you know someone who will be graduating high school and plan to attend a 4 year, 2 year or a trade school, direct them to the scholarship page on the Kansas tractor club web site. The only thing we ask is that the student will be obtaining a degree that is related to farm or tractors. If they are not sure, submit a application anyway. The scholarship committee will consider all applications. The web site is kansastractorclub.com



Board of Director, Austin Anders reported they had a great turnout for the Chapman Labor Day Festival in Chapman, Kansas. They had a Car show, bounce houses, kids tractor pull and other events for the kids and the entire family. They had 8 tractors on display for this event. Thanks to all that attended

Picture was from Austin Anders Facebook Page.



Board of Directors Notes 8/19/2025

The meeting was held Pete Martin's Building on E. Country Club, Salina, Ks. It was called to order at 6:35 p.m., by Vice President Dan Helm. The following board members were present: Dan Helm, Pete White, Terry Urban, David Carson, Raymond Bilson and Janice Janssen. Robert Knitter and Austin Anders were absent.

Minutes of previous meeting held 4/14/25 were read and approved.

V. P. Helm presented treasurer's report:

Balance 3/31/25 \$4390.11

William Miller (1000.00) 2024 Scholarship Receptient

Parade Fee (35.00) Tri Rivers Fair

Printing Newsletter (109.68)

Balance 7/31/25 \$3,245.43

Motion was made & seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

Vice Pres. Helm reported that 11 tractors participated in the Tri Rivers Fair parade.

Discussion of participating in the Santa Fe Days Parade on 9/27/25, was held. It was decided to participate. Tractors line up at 9:00-9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. parade.



Discussion of a fall tractor drive resulted in setting Oct. 18, 2025 as the date, with no rain/snow date. Pete White & Pete Martin will plan the route.

The Annual Dinner and meeting set for the first Saturday in February, was discussed. Vice Pres. Helm suggested that it be a potluck meal and he would prepare a meat for the event. Members will pay their \$25. dues and will be asked for a free will donation. We will see if it can be held again at the Pestinger Building on York Street in Salina. Consensus was to proceed with that plan.

The member list will be allotted to the board members, to call and inform them of the 9/27 parade and 10/18 tractor drive.

Participation at the September Sunflower Senior Fair was discussed. It was decided to decline.

The next board meeting was set for December 2. There being no further business, it was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Janice Janssen, Interim Secretary

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To:



Organization

List of Officers

President

Dan Helm

Vice President

Dan Helm

Secretary/Treasurer

Interim—Janice Janssen

Board of Directors

Terry Urban—Austin Anders

Robert Kittner—Janice Janssen

Peter Martin—David Carson

Raymond Bilson



Be sure to check out

**kansastractorclub.com regularly for
upcoming events.**

**Next newsletter publication will be
mailed January, 2026**

**If you would like to submit a story and/
or pictures for the KTC newsletter,
please send it to dhelm537@gmail.com**

