



# KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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## Kansas Tractor Club Annual Meeting

The Kansas Tractor Club annual meeting is set for February 7th. We will, again this year, meet at Tim Pestinger place on Stricker Street, just off of York in Salina.

Hickory Hut is catering the meal and there is no cost to the members or their guest. So come to the meeting and enjoy.

We will be collecting dues of 25 dollars as you enter the building. Doors open at 11 AM with the lunch to start at noon and meeting to follow the meal.

### We need New Officers

Please consider becoming a officer of the club. We need a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure. The Secretary and Treasure can be held by one person. In addition to officers, we would like to replace two board members.

We need new people with new ideas for the club. The club started in August of 2012 and we would like to keep it alive. We need new ideas for getting more people to shows and tractor drives.

Finanically, the club is in pretty good shape. Other than the annual scholarship award of 1000 dollars, we have very little going out each month.

The meeting should conclude around 2 PM.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to the meeting and and hopefully we can grow our membership.

### What if no one wants to lead?

Then we need to discuss what we need to do next. We will need to decide what to do with the remaining funds. At printing, we have one application for the Scholarship money. That will be voted by the Board of directors after April 1st, with winner being announced on April 15th.

Please keep in mind, there are a lot of people throughout Central Kansas that look forward to seeing the old tractors at shows and driving down old back roads on tractor drives. This is what a Tractor club is all about. Please consider getting involved and keep the tractor club alive.



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## Notes from December Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting was held Pete Martin's Building on E. Country Club, Salina, Ks. It was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Vice President Dan Helm. The following board members were present: Dan Helm, Pete White, Terry Urban, David Carson, Raymond Bilson, Robert Knitter and Janice Janssen. Austin Anders was absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 8/19/25 were read and approved with one addition. The tractor drive set for October 18 was cancelled.

V. P. Helm presented the treasurer's report:

\$150.00 was received as Jim Patry Memorial

Balance 11/30/25 \$3,317.99

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

Vice Pres. Helm reported that there was a good turn out for the Santa Fe Days parade with 8 tractors participating.

The Annual Dinner and meeting set for February 7, was discussed. It will be held again at the Pestinger's Building on York Street in Salina. Membership renewals of \$25 will be collected prior to meal. Vice President Helm stated that candidates are needed for President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer. After discussion it was the consensus to contact Hickory Hut for their cost to cater the meal.

There being no further business, it was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

## 2026 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](mailto: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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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—Chapman</u>	



We have received a scholarship application from Gannon Jacobson from Gypsum Kansas. He will be attending Kansas State University this fall.

All Scholarships received prior to April 1st will be review and graded by the Board of Directors with the announcement of the winner on or before April 15th.

If you know of someone who will be attending a college or trade school this fall working towards a degree in a Ag related field, please instruct the student to pull down the scholarship application from the [Kansastractorclub.com](http://Kansastractorclub.com) web site. Carefully follow the directions on line and mail the application with other forms on or before April 1st of this year to the address on the form.

All submitted applications will be reviewed.

## Tractor Drive

**Spring and Fall drives.**

The fall tractor drive was canceled as there were too many conflicting events for that same weekend.

There is plenty of interest for a fall drive and we will again look at the possibility of a drive this fall again.

We are always looking for a new and exciting routes for a drive that would include scenic drives, nice place to eat lunch and a museum or farm on the route to take a extend break. If you know of a route that you would like to try, please let us know. You can bring up your idea at the annual meeting in February.

We don't have a planned route for the May drive as of this date.



The Kansas Tractor Club lost a long time member this past October. Jim Patry was instrumental in organization of the Scholarship committee and developing the criteria for the Scholarship application.

Jim attended several tractor drives, earlier driving a tractor and later he would follow the drive and help those who had the misfortune of breaking down.

Jim had his start as a Ag teacher and FFA leader at Wilson High School, which he did for 32 years. He loved restoring and driving old tractors, and collecting toy tractors.

Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.



## Kansas Tractor Club Web Site and Calendar of Events

The Kansas Tractor Club web site will remain active as many events will add their show dates to our calendar.

Over the years the Kansas Tractor Club calendar web site has been one of the go-to sites that listed many of the events for tractors for the state of Kansas. If you have an event that you would like to post, send your information to:

[dhelm537@gmail.com](mailto:dhelm537@gmail.com).

Please include Date, Time, Location and a brief description of the event. And a contact person or persons if someone need to reach out for more information.



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## 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](http://kansastractorclub.com) regularly for  
upcoming events.**

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

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or pictures for the KTC newsletter,  
please send it to [dhelm537@gmail.com](mailto:dhelm537@gmail.com)**