



A Note From the Vice President

Thanks to everyone who attended our Kansas Tractor Club annual meeting. During this time of year you just are never sure about the weather. Last years meeting we had to walk through snow and this year the snow was not a problem.

But there was a problem. 70 degree weather, a calm breeze and a bright sun. All the more reason not to

show up to spend in doors on a Saturday afternoon. But thank you to those that did. It would have been a wonderful day to dust off the old Farmall, hook up the 8 volt battery and take it for a spin around the yard.

Roger Miller did just that. He parked his Oliver 70 under the Western Sizzlin sign to welcome all

of the Kansas Tractor Club Members. Hats off to Roger for doing this.

The food was great, and visiting with everyone was even better. It was a good meeting

On a little sadder note, the Monday following the meeting, the Western Sizzlin' closed its doors.



February Annual Meeting Notes

Our third annual meeting returned to the Western Sizzlin' restaurant this year. Between seventy and seventy-five people were in attendance this year despite the weather. The weather was unusual for February.—Sunny and about 75 degrees. Almost too nice to be inside. But everyone enjoyed a tasty lunch, visiting with other members and a meeting to discuss some of the upcoming years events.

After just about everyone had finished their lunch, the meeting began with a welcome from Vice President Dan Helm. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves and what is their favorite color of tractor.

A survey was passed out to the members as Jim Becker, Board Director, discussed this years highlighted events. The highlight of all events is the annual tractor Drive, which this year will begin in Abilene and run through Chapman. Jim also pointed out that the feature tractors in this years

Orscheln 2015 Calendar. President Cain Hiner, 47 Avery was on the calendar's cover. Jim wanted to stress that there were a lot of advantages of attending the Orscheln shows including a grand prize of \$100 to the most favorite tractor and plenty of door prizes for all those that attend. Usually there were more door prizes that people with tractors.

Chris Helm, Treasurer, discussed the finances of the club and at the time of the meeting we had over \$4200 dollars in the bank. We are still wanting to award scholarship money with anyone who qualifies. As of to date we have not had anyone apply for the scholarship.

Dan Helm, Vice President discussed the web site and to date we have had 183 facebook likes. We are always looking for new stories for the newsletter. If you

have a unique story that you would like to share be sure to let Dan know.

Amy Helm discussed the web sites activity calendar. She has updated the web page for the year. She continues to be contacted by others asking us to post their event on our site. It has become a hot web site for many who are looking for an antique tractor anywhere in the state of Kansas. The web site draws a lot of attention from around the state and across the country.



Condolences to President Cain Hiner and Family

As many members noticed at our annual meeting, the absence of our President Cain Hiner. He was at the bedside of his wife, Tamma in a Wichita hospital. She past away Monday evening February 9th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hiner family during this difficult time.



Antique Power to Publish Article on Ford

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As Cain Hiner started to prep his nicely restored tractor with the bright red plow after the Central Kansas Flywheels Antique and Power Show in October, he was approached by an older gentleman who began to ask the story behind the old Ford.

Cain began his story and before too long the

gentleman introduced himself as a reporter for "Antique Power". A magazine that is held dear to many of us who restore and enjoy antique tractors. He asked Cain if he could take some pictures and do a story on the little tractor. It was almost dark before Cain finally got his Ford loaded and headed

for home. The article should be in the June or July edition of Antique Power. Be sure to look for it.



Kansas Tractor Club Annual Tractor Drive

May 2, 2015

Mark your calendar today for the Annual Kansas Tractor Drive.

This years drive will begin in Abilene, Kansas

The cost is \$15 per tractor and your entry fee includes a catered lunch.

Keep checking your mail, email and the Kansas Tractor Club web site for more information;

You may register the morning of the drive or register early online or by contacting Amy Helm



Survey Results.

During the Annual Member's Meeting, we asked those in attendance to fill out a short survey of questions so we can make sure we are fulfilling the needs of our club.

It was evident by the survey's returned that we have not done a very good job advertising and promoting our scholarship program. On our website there is a page dedicated to the scholarship program. You will find

information and the forms on how to apply for this youth scholarship. We also have a restoration grant that can be used by any age to help with a new restoration project.

More info will be again shared in the next newsletter for these two programs and check the website. Please direct any questions you may have to Chris Helm, Treasurer.

Other suggestions from the

survey included more social media with pictures and videos from events and also possibly having quarterly get togethers for members and family with a more social format; picnic, watermelon feed, ice cream social.

We encourage you to please join us at events during the year. We do have a good time visiting and sharing our machinery with others. And those events that we have

been invited to, they are very much appreciated that we would come out and share with them.

Survey results will be discussed with the board members and directors. And changes will be made accordingly. Stay tuned for what's to come!

See you at the shows!!

Salina Tech Vehicle Extravaganza April 4th

This annual event continues to draw large crowds year after year. This year should be no exception.

In addition to displaying our prize possessions, we will be adding something new for all those that attend with their tractors, but for the spectators as well.

President Cain Hiner and Jim Becker will be conducting tractor games.

There will be a variety of games you will be able to

participate in. We had such a nice turnout at the Flywheels Fall show that we hope this will encourage others to bring their tractors to this show. We are still putting games and events together, so keep watching your mail, email and the Kansas Tractor Club web site.

We expect to have games like “washer drop”, “Chain in the Box” and “Blind driver”.

The Salina Tech Vehicle Extravaganza is a great

event for the entire family. In addition to the tractors, there will be lots of great looking cars, trucks and motorcycles. This is a free event to the public.

This will be the third year the club has been invited to the show. We are hoping with the addition of the tractor games it will encourage everyone to bring their tractors and join in the fun. Lets put on a great show for everyone and have a little fun ourselves.



Invite New Members

The Kansas Tractor Club is always looking for new members. Invite your neighbors and Friends to any of our tractor events. There is no cost to look and visit.

Let them know our Annual Membership is only \$20.00 and you will make back much more just by visiting our list of sponsors and save with our tractor club discount..



Welcome New Members

New members joining between December 2014 and March 2015.

Don Benninga
—Hope

Michael Ryff
—Manhattan

John Conklin
—Bennington

John and Kathy Gregory
— Assaria

David Kratzer
—Geneseo

High Plains Journal Gives Cover To Club

Early in November I received an email from Kylene Scott, Associate Editor of the High Plains Journal. She was looking for a story about antique tractors and came across our clubs web site. She asked me if I knew of any unique story's that she could use in her magazine and her December deadline was quickly approaching. I told her about Chris Helm looking for, Amy's Dad (Dave Gengler, club member) Minneapolis Moline that he used when he was a kid in the Beloit area working on his Uncles farm. I checked with Amy who checked with her Dad and they agreed to tell Kylene their story.

Just after Thanksgiving, Kylene showed at Chris and Amy's house with a camera, pen and paper. Chris brought

the Minni Mo from the red shed out behind the house to the white shed next to the house. Chris and Dave dusted off the 58 Minneapolis Moline and Pictures were taken of Chris and Amy's Family and Dave.

Kylene had her story and was headed back west to Dodge City. No one knew what to expect or even when the magazine would hit the newsstands.

It wasn't until we were in church in December and one of the parashers mentioned to Madi, daughter of Chris and Amy Helm, that they saw her

picture in the magazine. When our copies finally arrived, not only was the story in the Magazine, it was the on the cover of the magazine. The Article ended with a great pitch for the Kansas Tractor Club.



REMINDER

Be sure to get your membership renewed. Send your \$20.00 membership fees to...

Kansas Tractor Club
1547 N. Burma Rd.
Salina, Kansas 67401

Your Membership card, and calendar of events for 2015 will be in the next mail.

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www.kansastractorclub.com

Display Your Membership Proudly

Here is your chance to promote your Club Membership. You can purchase a front license plate for you truck or car for \$7.00. And to cover your head when you are riding around on your tractor, you should purchase the Kansas Tractor Club cap. The colors are Yellow, Orange, Green and Red and Blue. Each hat is only \$5.00. get one for each color of tractor you have. Email Amy Helm at kansastractorclub@gmail.com or mail your check to Amy Helm at 1547 N. Burma Road, Salina, KS 67401 with your request.



3 month Calendar of Events

March

3/14 Car and Antique Tractor Show, Rush Center. 10 am-2 pm Parade at 2:30

3/24-26 50th Annual Mid-America Farm Expo, Salina Bicentennial Center. Tues/Wed 9-5 Thurs 9-4

April

4/4 Salina Tech Vehicle Extravaganza, Tractor Show. Online Registration. No fee for non judging tractors. Setup by 9 am 9am-4pm

4/8-10 Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo. 9 am-5 pm

4/11 Tractor Pull, Hoisington. 1 pm

4/18 Flint Hills Antique Power Assoc. (FHAPA) Chuck Sells Memorial Spring Pull, Dale DeLong's Farm 1420 Road 210, Emporia. Rain date 4/25/14. 1 pm

4/17-18 AHS Wheat State Chapter Antique Truck Show, Newton. All Vehicles Welcome, No Entry Fee. Newell's Truck Plaza Move in 4 pm (17th) Show 9am-3pm (18th)

4/18 Spring Crank-Up! Tractor Show, Alta Vista, KS. Ag Heritage Park All Day

4/18 Orscheln Farm and Home, Concordia. Tractor Show, judging and prizes. 9am-3pm

May

5/2 Kansas Tractor Club Annual Tractor Drive. 35 miles beginning in Abilene, KS. \$15 for each tractor. Registration and Drive Map coming soon. Regis. 8 am Drive begins 9 am

5/? 9th Annual Glen Elder Tractor Cruise. This is a yearly benefit by Glen Elder Lions Club. More info to come

5/16 Orscheln Farm and Home, Hutchinson. Tractor Show, judging and prizes. 9am-3pm

5/23 Bluegrass Festival and Tractor Show, Marquette Park. 9am-3pm.

5/30 Orscheln Farm and Home, McPherson. Tractor Show, judging and prizes. 9am-3pm

If you know of events in your area or something we don't have listed. Please let Amy Helm know so those events can be shared and advertised. Events can include plow days, machinery auctions, tractor drives, or tractor shows.

Kansas Tractor Club Newsletter

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**Be sure to check out
kansastractorclub.com regularly for
news and upcoming events.**

**Next newsletter publication will be
mailed June 2015.**

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

