



# KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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## Great Weather for a Tractor Drive

The weekend before the tractor drive, we had 46 degree temperatures and rain. Western Kansas had several inches of snow. The snow was so intense that some wheat fields were damaged from the weight of the heavy snow. The 7 day forecast provided by the local news stations demonstrated that the cold weather was short lived and by the next weekend we could have temperatures in the high 80's and sunny skies.

I have often heard that if you don't like the weather in Kansas, just wait a minute.

When the weekend for the drive arrived, it was as promised, short sleeve weather even early in the morning when drivers started to arrive in Ellsworth. The historical society opened their doors early for drivers. 36 tractors would participate in this years drive. We had several new participants from the Ellsworth and Wilson area. Normally these drivers may never have a chance to join a drive if we had not planned the route through their county. Hopefully, we gained a few new members from this drive. We always enjoy having new drivers join us.

Cinnamon rolls were provided by the Ellsworth city council and coffee by the Ellsworth Historical society greeted the drivers as they paid the \$15 fee and registered their tractors. The fee covered the entry fee and lunch for each driver and

anyone who didn't drive paid five dollars to have lunch.

Jim Becker called all the drivers together and Kansas Tractor Club President Cain laid out the rules for the drive.

Special thanks to the Ellsworth Police who helped all drivers get safely out of town.

Jim Patry, Tractor drive chairman, laid out a great route that included many scenic landscapes which included old homesteads, scenic church's and up close look at the huge wind generators that dot much of the landscape in this area.

The pace for this years 42 mile drive seemed quicker this year. We arrived in Blackwood around 10 for our mid morning break.

35 tractors arrived in the west side of Wilson. Jim designed the route so that we could maneuver through the downtown area, stopping at Pride Park for lunch. No room for Tractors so we used 25th street in front of the park as a parking lot.

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# Tractor Drive, Back to Ellsworth

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Lunch included Bierocks and kolaches' with side of cookies and potato salad.

Prizes were awarded to...

Youngest Driver—Trace Clark, Salina 16

Oldest Driver—Ed Ball, Belleville 80

Oldest Tractor—John Zamrzla, Wilson 1941 International Harvester M

Furthest Hauled—Don Benninga, Manhattan 104 miles

Cain gave the sign to get started for the drive back to Ellsworth.

We had a few drivers drop off of the drive as we approached their farms, but still had a nice group when we reached the St. Paul Lutheran church for our afternoon break. The temperature had reached over 80 by now and just

about everyone had a bottle of water in their hand.

The drive was one of the better ones we have had and everyone seem to enjoy the day. We hope to have more next year. Until then, keep driving!



## New Members

Our membership continues to grow and we would like to acknowledge those new members in each quarterly newsletter.

*New members since March*

Kurtis Johnson—Salina

Rodney Willis—Osage City, KS

Learn more information about KTC on our web site, [www.kansastractorclub.com](http://www.kansastractorclub.com) and our facebook page.

## A couple of Kids from Fargo

Alex Swanson, 21, who grew up and continues to live on a farm about 10 miles north of Fargo, North Dakota was searching for antique John Deere machinery on the internet. He found an online Auction organization out of Lehigh, Kansas. He was interested in a 420 John Deere Crawler. Across the Red River in Minnesota, Alex best friend, Patrick Swanson, who lives on another farm and has special interest in green tractors, found out Alex was bidding on the Crawler and figured they would make the trip worthwhile and started bidding on a Model A. Both winning the bids

on their respected tractors gassed up their Chevy Silverado and headed south early April with empty trailer in tow.

Alex and Patrick are active members of the Lake Agassiz 2 Cylinder Club that currently has a membership of



about 110.

As they were returning from Lehigh, Kansas they spotted a few of the Kansas Tractor

Club tractors in front of the Orshclen Farm and home in Concordia. They stopped and had to take a look. Ken Giersch, Jim Becker, Evan Helm and Dan Helm looked over their newly acquired projects and congratulated them on their passion for restoring these machines. They climbed back into their Silverado, with thinning tires, knowing they had a long trip ahead of them. Ken got their number offered them any assistance to ensure a safe trip home.



## Vehicle Extravaganza Rained out.

April 1st this year was to be the 4th year that the Salina College of Technology invited the Kansas Tractor Club to their show.

But this year the rains came early and stayed most of the day.

A few cars found a dry spot to display their cars to the visitors who braved the cool temperatures, grey skies and rain.

The event was not rescheduled, but will return next year. Weather permitting.

# Orscheln Tractor Shows

We have put 3 out of 4 Orscheln Farm and Home shows in the books for 2017. At the Concordia Show, Jim Becker was the winner of the 100 dollar gift card. The next show was in McPherson and it was canceled because of the rain.

The next Orscheln show was in Junction City and this was the first time the Kansas Tractor Club has participated in this show. Cain Hiner was the grand prize winner. The next show was also a new one on the calendar this year in Ellsworth. Ken Giersch was the top vote getter for this show. This show drew the 8 tractors and the other two shows had 6 each. We hope that if there is a show in your area, we would love to see your tractor there. Each

show winner will have a chance to have their picture and the winning tractor in the 2018 Orscheln Farm and Home Calendar. You are a winner by just showing up as Orscheln has plenty of great door prize gifts for everyone.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the next few shows.

June, 10th Hutchinson

June 17th, Salina

Check the Kansas tractor club calendar for more dates and other great events.



# Scholarship

Time is running out to qualify for this years scholarship. All scholarship applications must be submitted on or prior to July 15th.

All applications will be reviewed and the winner or winners will be announced on or before September 15th.

Anyone can apply who will be attending a 2 or 4 year college or a technical school. If you can explain how your studies can be ag related, you could qualify

Go to [kansastractorclub.com](http://kansastractorclub.com) to fill out your application. Just click on the scholarship tab. If you have kids, grandkids, nephews or nieces attending school this fall, direct them to our web site.

We are waiting to hear from you!



# Largest Tractor Parade

August 25th of 2012 RFD TV hosted, at the time, Guinness world record, longest parade of antique tractors. 964 was the actual count, but according to Big John Johnson of Cortland, KS, who was one of the tractors counted in the parade, there were over one hundred more that were not counted. John visited club members in Concordia, showing the newspaper clipping and plaque he received for participating in the parade.

On May 8th, 2016 The Worlds longest tractor went back to Germany



# Invite New Members

Our club is just over 5 years old and still over **80 members strong**. But we know there are more people who are not aware that the club exists. We need you to get the word out. Give potential new members this newsletter, once you have finished, and be sure to tell everyone about our web site. [www.kansastractorclub.com](http://www.kansastractorclub.com)

An annual membership is only \$20.00 and includes discounts at 20 different businesses in Central Kansas. Be sure to check out our web site for a list of sponsors. You don't have to own a tractor to join. You can enjoy the benefits of being a member and you can always borrow a tractor.



# June—Sept Kansas Tractor show and Events

## June

6/2 -6/4	Glory Days of Iron, Louisburg. Lots of fun events for everyone. <a href="#">More Info</a>	All Day
6/10-13	National Red Power Round-Up Show, Sedalia, MO. Hosted by IHC MO. <a href="#">More Info</a>	Varies
6/15-17	28th National Red Power Round Up hosted by IHC Chapter 5 Iowa at state fair-grounds in Des Moines, Iowa. <a href="#">More IHC Info</a>	All Day
6/17	<b>Orscheln Farm and Home, Salina. Father's Day Weekend Tractor Show. Judging and Prizes.</b>	9 am-3 pm
6/17	Washington Day, Concil Grove, KS Parade 10 AM	All Day
6/23- 6/24	28h Annual Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show, Pittsburg, KS. Crawford County Historical Museum Grounds. Hosted by the Southeast Kansas Old Time Gas En-	All Day

## July

7/1	<b>Orscheln Farm and Home, Hutchinson, KS. Tractor Show. Judging and Prizes</b>	9 am - 3pm
7/1	MT. Hope KS Tractor Show	All Day
7/1	Osage County Fair. Tractor Pull Osage City FHAPA	1 pm
7/1	.Lebo Car and Tractor Show	9 am
7/2	Lebo Antique Tractor Pull	1 pm
7/8	Tractor Pull, Great Bend	1 pm
7/18	Orscheln Farm and Home, Newton. Tractor Show, judging and prizes	9am-3pm
7/14 7/16	39th Annual Threshing Show, Meriden. IHC Chapter #3 Summer Meeting.	All Day
7/15-16	<a href="#">38th Annual Threshing Bee in Jewell County</a> , Mankato.	All Day Parade 1:30
7/24	Tractor Pull, Hillsboro.	TBA
7/27-7/29	<a href="#">64th Annual Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Assn.</a> , Bird City, KS. Antique Tractor Pull Friday 7 pm Steam Engine Pull 8 pm	All Day
7/28	Marion County Fair Tractor Pull Hillsboro FHAPA event	7 pm
7/29	Tractor Pull, Nickerson.	11:30am

## August

8/8	Tri-Rivers Fair Parade, Salina.	7:00 pm
8/6	"Make it Count" Night of Freedom car and tractor show for the Spencer C Duncan foundation at Navy Park in New Century Air Center, Gardner KS <a href="http://">http://</a>	6:00 pm
8/4-8/6	<a href="#">Country Threshing Days</a> , Goessel. Featuring Ford Tractors	Sat. 9:30 am Parade All Day
8/5	Smoky Valley Classic Car Show, Lindsborg. Tractors are being welcomed to join this year in Swensson Park. <a href="#">More Info</a>	Regist. 8 am Awards 3 pm
8/10	<a href="#">Lyon County Fair Tractor Pull and Show</a> , Emporia. FHAPA event. Parade of Power	7 pm
8/10 8/13	Case Show Albert City Iowa. Thresherman & Collectors Show Featuring CASE	Al Day
8/12	Leonardville Tractor show. Parade at 3:30 PM	All Day
8/12	Cowtown Days, Ellsworth. Parade	All Day
8/25	Registration due for Roy Machinery Show	
8/26	<a href="#">Heritage Day</a> , Yoder. Tractor Pull, Demonstrations.	All Day

## Visit Kansas Tractor Club sponsors and earn at least 10% discount

We wanted to take this opportunity to reintroduce you to Kansas Tractor Club sponsors. The list of sponsors are always on the sponsorship part of our web page.

You can enjoy some great discounts—enough to pay for your membership many times over each year.

We have included the list on this page and we hope that you will stop by the participating merchants, not only to shop, but to thank them for sponsoring the Tractor Club.

- Advance Auto Parts in Salina—**10%**
- All Pak Battery Outlet (J.J.'s Battery) **Various savings**
- Clare Generator—**Various Savings** and discounts.
- Del's Alternator **20%** (excludes batteries)
- Hiner Mag and Carb Repair, Ames KS—**10% Parts Only**
- Orscheln Farm and Home Ellsworth—**10% (New)**
- Commercial Tire Salina—**10%** Tractor and Skid Steer tires only.
- Straub International Salina—**Parts only**
- Waddles heating and Cooling **10%**
- Miller Tractor and Equipment - **Various Savings**
- Stardust Trophy Co.—**10%**
- Lang Diesel Salina—**Various Savings**
- BRC Bearing—**40%**
- The Carb Shop Salina—**10%**
- Kansasland Tire and Service—**DEALER COST**
- Peerless Tire Salina—**Various Savings**
- Orscheln Farm and Home—**10%** Salina
- Becker Tire Salina—**Various Savings**
- Bayard's Café Salina—**10%**
- Loret Oil Co. LLC, Salina—**Various Savings**
- BWP Automotive And Tractor Repair, Salina. - **15%**
- R. J Fencing LLC, - 10% off Labor
- North 81 Tractor Inc Sedgwick, **Various Saving**

If you were not aware of all of these sponsor savings, you may realize that savings you may have missed in the past.

If you have a business or know of a business that you think would make a great sponsor and would like their business name on our web page, let us know. Email Dan Helm at [dhelm537@gmail.com](mailto:dhelm537@gmail.com) with the information



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news and upcoming events.**

**Next newsletter publication will be  
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