



# KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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## How was the Central Kansas Flywheels Fall Festival Show?

You couldn't ask for any better weather for this annual two day event. Short sleeves and shorts were the norm this year.

Each day started before the morning sun would rise in the east with free hot pancakes. Events started at 9 with local Boy Scout troops with a flag raising ceremony in front of the Heritage Building.

Throughout the grounds there were many demonstrations of what life would have looked 60 and more years ago. The best part was most demonstrations were Hands One. Any one could participate in the demo.

Anyone, even little ones, could feed the apple press to produce apple cider. Once the apple bin was full, kids would grab a hold of the big iron wheel and start turning, crushing the apples and watching the juice roll out of a wooden spout into a bucket. What was unbelievable was the next process. They poured it into a cup and you could drink it. That was the best drink on the grounds both days.

Others took turns picking bricks and stones out of a pile and tossing them into a stone crusher. It was being powered by a Farmall cub. A leather belt was connect to a pully on the tractor and the pully on the stone crusher. You would toss the big pieces of brick and rocks into the hopper

and stand back, Some had to cover their ears to soften the noise of the crusher. The output was crush stone suitable for driveways and walkways.

A horse pulled sorghum press was on hand. A person would feed the sorghum through the press and the juice was being boiled down to a nice sweet syrup. During War World II, sugar was being sent to the troops, families had to resort to Sorghum to satisfy their sweet tooth.



Wheat was being harvested as it was back in the early 1900's. Wheat was cut and bundled. The bundles were picked up and hand fed with a pitch fork into a harvester. The wheat and the chaff were separated in the process. The thresher was being powered by a John Deere. Kids were encouraged to stand back and watch, but their parents, if they dared, could jump on the hay wagon and feed the cut wheat into the thresher.

It was a great weekend for everyone. Tractor games and the Tractor pull results are posted inside this newsletter

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Annual Meeting First

Saturday in February

Watch your mail and

emails for further de-

tails

Look for The KTC Face-  
book page and tell your  
friends about the club.

# Salina Street Fair

Santa Fe days came this year, with a good chance of rain. But the morning brought sunshine, a few high clouds and a slight breeze. The weather radar showed a line of thunderstorms just east of Hays, running north and south, state line to state line.

Moving to the north, north east. Every indication showed that the rain may hold off until the afternoon.

Nine tractors showed up for the parade, including Jim Becker, LeRoy Quade, Jim Patry, Roger Miller, Ken

Giersch, Don Stanley, Chris Helm and Dan Helm. The parade started promptly at 10 am and was proceeding nicely along the Santa Fe route. The crowds were down some this year, as the threat of rain may have kept many home.

The sky's have become overcast just before the start of the parade and Ken Giersch was showing everyone the new storms that developed to the south of town. He predicted it would be raining

before the end of the parade. About three blocks into the parade it started to sprinkle. And just as we reached Mulberry street, it was raining and the crowds were finding shelter under store awnings and the dancers in front of us were piling onto a trailer for a quick exit. Jim Becker and Don Stanley made a right turn and made their way back to the church. The rest of us followed.

It continued to rain off

and on for the rest of the day and so the show at the Smoky Hill Museum Festival was a wash-out. But it was nice to get on the tractors and show them off in the parade as it is always a fun event to do.

Thanks to everyone who made the parade and endured a little rain.



## Tractor Games a hit at CKF Fall Festival

This was the second consecutive year where Cain Heiner and Jim Becker conducted tractor games.

There were only scheduled for one hour, but the events were able to entertain watchers for a couple of nice hours.

New this year was balancing your tractor on what appeared to be part of a flat bed pickup. The object was to pull your tractor up

on the bed, and position your tractor level with the ground. Not Easy! 6 people and their tractors tried their best, but no one could keep level with the ground, even for a few seconds.

Other games for the day included dragging a 16 foot log chain and placing it all in a 2 x 2 foot box. Those with a wide front end found the task a little easier than those with a row crop front end.

Others were seeing whose tractor was the slowest. Anytime a John Deere is in this kind of race, it seems to have the lowest and slowest gear. Although this is fun for the drivers, it could be a long yawn for

spectators.

Some tested their skills, driving their tractors around offset cones as quickly as possible and in the process drop a big flat washer into a Folgers coffee can.

The last event, but maybe the most fun for spectators and drivers equally was the blind driver event. The driver, in the seat of his tractor, had to wear a blind fold and maneuver his machine around a set of off set cones, as quickly as possible, all the time while blind folded.

To help him or her guide their tractor through the cones, was a guide. Much like a wagon driver, who held the reins and maneuvered their horse or horses in the fields from the

seat of a wagon or walk behind a plow. The idea is the same here. Ropes were tied to the drivers upper arms. The person holding the reins would pull on the reins to indi-



cate to the driver to turn one direction or the other.

As a driver you must put your total trust into the guy pulling the strings. Anyone can participate in these events.



Jim Becker watches as Ken Giersch attempts to balance his tractor

# Scholarship Winner

Our first scholarship winner was Thor Burnside. Thor will be attending college at Fort Hays State University.

Thor currently resides in Hays and is a member of the Kansas Tractor club. He is attending Fort Hays State University.

Thor filed out the online application. He plans to use his education to work in the agriculture industry. Selling farm machinery and living after graduation. He is currently employed at Carrico Implement Company in

Hays. Thor plans to get his Bachelors degree in Business and later obtain his masters of Business degree.



He plans to promote the agriculture sector by maintaining his membership with such associations as the Kansas Wheat Associations, Ellis County

Farm Bureau, National Corn Growers Association and the National Cattlemen Beef Association. He wishes to thank all of the members of the KCT for the scholarship to continue his education.



# Restoration Winner

The Restoration Grant Winner this year was Bryant Patry.

Bryant is the grandson of KTC member Jim Patry and has helped his grandfather with his restoration projects in the past. Bryant is very "mechanical" He has put together demolition derby cars and seems to always have his hands greasy.

Bryant says his project may take approximately \$1070 to complete. Jim will be his sponsor throughout the project cycle.

In order for Bryant to collect the grant, he must finish his project within two years from September 15th of this. Bryant

will be restoring a 1951 or 52 John Deere A. Although we give him two years, Bryant said in his application that he



hopes to complete the restoration within the year.

Bryant will be invited to the

February meeting to give us all an update on his project.

Bryant is a resident in Salina and many of us had the chance to meet Bryant at the tractor pull during the Central Kansas Flywheels fall festival.

If you see Bryant, please pass on your encouragement.

# Invite New Members

Our club is just over a five years old and we are now **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.kansatractorclub.com](http://www.kansatractorclub.com)

An annual membership is only \$20.00 and includes discounts at 25 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.



		<b>Weight Class</b>	<b>0—3000</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distant</b>	
Amy Helm	Farmall	B	1946	11.6'	
Ken Giersch	Cletrac	66	1939	2.1	

		<b>Weight Class</b>	<b>3001—3500</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distant</b>	
Leroy Quade	COOP	E—3	1947	199.8	
Dallas Everhart	Oliver	66	1952	139.9	

		<b>Weight Class</b>	<b>3501—4000</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distant</b>	
Dan Helm	Farmall	H	1948	60.1	
Lonnie Everhart	John Deere	B	N/A	44.6	
Jessie Wilder	John Deere	A	1936	44	
Kevin Hanson	Farmall	Super C	1952	39	

		<b>Weight Class</b>	<b>4001—4500</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distant</b>	
Bax Woscher	Farmall	240	1959	59.8	
Richard Vaupel	Allis Chalmers	WD45	1953	57.10	
Jared Koster	Farmall	H	1939	52.6	
Bryant Patry	International	300	1955	45.4	

		<b>Weight Class</b>	<b>4501—5000</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distant</b>	
Chris Helm	IH	300	1956	110.1	
Don Stanley	John Deere	B	1947	84	
Bryant Patry	Farmall	H	1949	50.8	

		<b>Weight Class</b>	<b>5001—5500</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Distant</b>	
Chuck Peterson	John Deere	G	1952	103.1	
David Kratzer	John Deere	AR	1951	95.6	
David Hanson	Farmall	M	1947	70.4	
James Walker	International	W6	1949	43.4	

# Tractor Pull Results *cont*

	Weight Class	5501—6000	6001—6500	
Name	Make	Model	Year	Distant
Dave Walker	Massy	44	1951	84.6
Lonnie Everhart	Minneapolis Moline	U	1952	83.1
Mike Caldwell	Minneapolis Moline	U	1938	42.1

	Weight Class	6001—6500		
Name	Make	Model	Year	Distant
Travis Christian	John Deere	60	1954	55.4
Mark Booker	Minneapolis Moline	5 Star	1958	50.1
Karl Spohn	Minneapolis Moline	5 star	1958	41.4
Alex Lorensen	John Deere	A	1950	39.5
Jerry May	John Deere	A	1950	Failed to start

	Weight Class	6501—7000		
Name	Make	Model	Year	Distant
Jerry May	John Deere	D	1946	40.5
Chris Helm	Minneapolis Moline	GTC	1952	4.3

	Weight Class	7001—8000		
Name	Make	Model	Year	Distant
Dallas Everhart	Minneapolis Moine	G	1952	167.5
Travis Christian	John Deere	70	1956	138.10
Chris Robbins	Oliver	99	1948	130.2
Casy Robbins	Oliver	99	1948	113.8

	Weight Class	8001—10000		
Name	Make	Model	Year	Distant
Lonnie Everhart	Minneapolis Moline	GVI	1959	128.1
Jack Poole	John Deere	820	1958	70.8
Tom Caldwell	Minneapolis Moline	G	N/A	N/A



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news and upcoming events.

Next newsletter publication will be  
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