



KANSAS TRACTOR CLUB

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A Special Thanks To Cain and Jim

The Kansas Tractor Club annual meeting saw some new changes for the club. President Cain Hiner and Board of Director member Jim Becker stepped down from



their positions to allow someone else into their roles to bring new ideas and new life to a great Club.

The Kansas Tractor Club started out as an idea that they tossed around and in August of 2012 they brought together a handful of tractor lovers at a kickoff event at Tri Rivers Fair and Rodeo. In the parking lot of the Bicentennial Center in Salina The Kansas Tractor club was born.

They wanted a club where tractor enthusiasts could get together, show their tractors and exchange stories. A club where the members could visit various locations around the state at tractor shows and other events that gave us the opportunity to show our tractors to the public.

They secured all of the Sponsors for the club. These sponsors offer at least 10% off items for club members.

For each year of the club existence they were instrumental in planning the route for

the annual tractor drive. The Kansas Tractor Club annual tractor drive has grown in size over the years.



Cain and Jim will continue to be active members of the KTC and will continue to attend shows and tractor drives this year and years to come. Both of these gentlemen collect and love their tractors. You will find them at most shows and love to tell you their stories. Thank you Cain and Jim for your work and time to make this club the success that it is.



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February Meeting

The February meeting was another great get together with a great turnout. Members began to show up just after 11 am to visit with other members. Past President Cain Hiner welcomed everyone about 11:45 and we had lunch.

After lunch the meeting was open, everyone introduced themselves and declared their favorite tractor.

78 existing and new members were in attendance. Amy collected dues and registered new members. Treasurer, Chris Helm conducted the better part of the meeting. We voted on a new President and 2 new board members. The members also voted on two new committees. One for the Scholarship and Restoration and the other for the May Tractor Drive. Dan

Helm discussed the Internet and newsletter and invited any with a story to pass them on so that everyone can read the story in the newsletter. Amy discussed upcoming events and asked everyone who gets emails to keep watching for upcoming events and check the calendar for more events. Chris dis-

cussed the finances and the need to get the scholarship restoration money to use. It is the goal of the club to give this money away. The meeting ended at 2 pm.



New President and 2 New Board of Directors

Brian Pratt, owner of B.W.P Automotive and Tractor Repair was voted in as the KTC new President. Brian has been a member of the Kansas Tractor Club for 2 years. When Cain Hiner expressed his choice to step down from the president position, a search went out to find someone to fill the position. Information was presented in the last newsletter requesting if they had interest in the position.

Nominations were made at February's meeting and no others were heard. Brian was unanimously voted

as the new Kansas Tractor Club President.

Two new board members were voted in addition to the president. Ken Giersch and Kenny Fuller. All board members and officers serve as long as they wish to serve.

If you have an interest in serving on a committee or to become an officer, please let Amy know. All voting for new board of directors or officers will be conducted at the February annual meeting.



Send me your story...

We are always looking for a new story about a current restoration you are working on, maybe the history on one of your favorite tractors.

Many club members would enjoy reading your story as they may relate it to a similar situation in their own lives.

Maybe you discovered a trick to removing a gear or a rear wheel on a John Deere?

I know there are stories out there. Just let me know how I can help. Send your stories to Dan Helm.

dhelm537@gmail.com.

Everyone would like to hear your story.



Orscheln Shows

Check the Kansas Tractor Club calendar on the Internet for the next Orscheln Farm and Home Tractor Show. This is always a fun event for all that attend. Orscheln encourages its customers to vote for their favorite tractor. The tractor with the most votes will be the grand prize winner and in the past, received a \$100 gift card from Orscheln. A picture of the winner and their tractor will be taken and sent to the corporate office to be considered for placement in the Orscheln Farm and Home calendar. Door prizes are awarded to all participants who displayed their tractor. Check the calendar for the next Orscheln event.

Events already scheduled:

May 28th—McPherson Orscheln Show

June 18th—Salina Orscheln Show

More dates to come

It was decided at this years February meeting to form a committee to see where improvements could be made to encourage the use of the scholarship money and to hand out money for restoration projects. The committee is made of three members,

Mark Shaw, Jim Patry, and Roger Miller. Vice President Dan Helm will work with the committee and present their suggestions to the KTC Officers and Board of Directors.

In just a few short weeks you will find updated forms

on the KTC web site.

The bottom line is we need your help. We want to find students to submit a scholarship form to the committee for review. All forms will be carefully reviewed and weighed against other applicants. The committee will

send their choice to the BOD and officers of the KTC for final approval. All applicants must submit their request on or before July 15th. Winners will be announced before September 15th of the same year.



Salina Vehicle Extravaganza With Tractors

Each year, the first Saturday in April, Salina Tech students polish up their latest projects and set them out for everyone to see. It is their opportunity to show Salina and surrounding area visitors the work they are doing at this school

And each year they reach out to the Kansas Tractor Club and invite us to show our tractors. It is the first big tractor show of the year and it is a great time to dust off your tractor and join other club members at the Salina Tech campus .

The one day show is April 2nd at the Salina Tech Campus. It is a lot of fun for the entire family. Lots of great food,

music, lots of restored or mostly restored cars, trucks and motorcycles. And Tractors. We get a lot of traffic through our area. Grab your lawn chair, pray for good weather and join other tractor members. Watch your email for details. We will be in the same location as we have been in the past. We are hoping for a large turnout of tractors to add to an already great show. There is no cost to anyone who wants to show their tractor. You can register your tractor on line at <https://fs30.formsite.com/SalinaTech/Vehicle-Registration/index.html>.

You can go to the Kansas Tractor Club web page and click on the special events,

in yellow at the top of the main page. On the special event page look for the link titled **Salina Tech Tractor registration**. Complete the online form and at the bottom place a button next to Kansas Tractor Club. This will exempt you from any payment. You will receive a placard for your tractor the day of the show. The deadline to register is March 27th.

The Salina Tech has added to their web site that we will have our tractors on display. If you don't get a chance to register, please bring your tractor anyway. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost for visitors or tractors displayed.



Invite New Members



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

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.

[Check out our new members list since December](#)

Welcome New Members:

- Quentin Smith—Concordia
- Denise Johnson—Winfield
- Richard Bowman—Salina
- Ron Heflin—Salina
- Roger Landauer—Salina
- James Walker—Jamestown
- Angelina Walker—Jamestown
- Lawrence Spohn—Marquette
- Ken Swisher—Lindsborg



Vice President Page

Every year I am always surprised with the turnout for the February meeting. This year was no different. We filled the room at the Coyote Canyon buffet. It was nice to hear all of the visiting between current and new members.

I look forward to working with our new President, Brian Pratt and new board members, Ken Giersch and Kenny Fuller. I hope that everyone will take the time in the near future to welcome the new officer and board members.

One of the hot topics at this years meeting was the need to improve our efforts to explore options to find good homes for scholarship money and awarding grants for the Restora-

tion. To increase our efforts, a committee was formed to review the process we use to reach out to members and find applicants. Jim Patry, Roger Miller, Mark Shaw and Dan Helm makeup that committee.

I hope you will review the guidelines set forth on the Kansas Tractor Club web page. If you don't have access to the Internet, please call Dan Helm @ 785-826-0436 and I will mail you a copy of the requirements for either the Scholarship or Restoration Grants.

The first event of the year is just a few weeks away. April 2nd is the Salina Tech Vehicle Extravaganza in Salina. You can register online at the Salina Tech. All you need to do

is make sure to select Antique tractor and mark the button next to Kansas Tractor Club. This is always a fun event for the whole family.



Tractor Drive Update

The Kansas Tractor Club annual tractor drive will be May 7, 2016. A committee was put together to map a route. New President, Brian Pratt, and new addition to the Board of Directors, Kenny Fuller along with members Jerry May and Evan Helm. This years Tractor drive will begin at the Central Kansas Flywheels Museum in north Salina and will travel about 47 miles to Gypsum, KS and back. Lunch will not be provided this year, bring a sack lunch. All tractors and drivers will need to be unloaded and registered before the departure time of 9:00 AM. The cost for this years drive will be \$15.00. There will be a 20 minute break in the morning and afternoon. All tractors are welcome, the only requirement is that it must maintain at least a 10 mile per hour speed limit.

There will be trucks with trailers following the drive in case of a breakdown. In addition, extra gas and or diesel for those that might run low.

Some other rules to keep in mind will be if there is a gap growing between the tractor in front of you and the next tractor ahead, you should pass the slower tractor. We need to keep the line of tractors close together. It is ok to stop and help someone who has broke down, but the pickup trailers will be there to help the down tractor either get going again or load them on the trailer. In the past we have had as many as 45 tractors. It is quite a sight and a lot of fun being a part of the drive. We hope to see you there. Watch your email and check the

internet for updated information. In addition you can register early by visiting the Internet and click on the special event link on the main page. You can email or print and mail your registration to Amy on or before May 1st. This is an all day event. You can find the route on the KTC website.

www.kansastractorclub.com



Do you have mechanical skills?

An old tractor has a lot of moving parts. Can you identify these parts and understand the functions? It is best to have a camera or better yet an iPad that you can take detail pictures of your restoration. This will provide good information when putting parts back together. Remember how you take things apart and identify parts and store them where you can find them when you are ready.

2. Why do you want to restore this machine?

You have your restoration picked. You now need to assess the work involved and the cost. Chances are that if you are restoring a rare tractor, depending on what you start with, your cost could rise and finding parts may be exhausting. If your motive is to restore a tractor you like, one that belonged to a family member or has some other sentimental value, it doesn't have to be rare to justify the cost. If you're restoring to just stay busy, learn new skills, spend quality time with a family member or friend, who can argue with that?

3. Do you have room to do this restoration?

Having the room is the biggest obstacle some have to endure. Even a large garage will seem not enough room when you have completely broken down your restoration. There are going to be a lot of small parts lying around and you don't want little hands getting into them. Plastic coffee cans or clear plastic containers with lids for bolts and small parts. Label them as you remove them. For example, Steering gear bolts would be put in can number one, and when putting the tractor back together it will be the last can of bolts to be put on. Under each number, label what the hardware goes with (starter, sheet metal, radiator, etc.). Remember the pictures?"

4. Any restoration requires an investment

Figure what you will spend on this investment. You arrive at a budget by inspecting the tractor and writing down the obvious parts that need to be replaced. What would it cost to rebuild the engine and/or transmission. "Budget about an additional \$1,000 for little surprises that show up while taking the tractor apart. If you rebuild an engine, don't ruin it with a bad radiator; either have the current one fixed or get a new one. Consider a grant from the Kansas Tractor club to help save money in the end.

5. Reproduction or salvage yard parts?

Make sure you can get parts. Nothing worse than getting it all tore down and then the piston rod you need can't be found. Scope out local parts stores and Junk yards. Original parts are best. But if you can't find them, try a reproduction part. There are several online stores that carry a lot of antique tractor parts.

6. Can you obtain the correct manuals?

Everyone should have a copy of their owner's manual, which tells you where to put the fluids and how much, where to grease, tire pressure, how to use all aspects of the machine. The service manual is necessary if you are going to be making any repairs to your machine. You can purchase them online at www.AntiqueTractorsRUs.com. Most tractor parts books are now available online. These manuals can be purchased used at shows or online auctions, and reproduction manuals can be purchased from www.jensales.com or www.Clymer.com, among others.

7. Do you have the necessary tools?

Old tractors are notoriously rusty and the nuts and bolts can be very stuck. An acetylene torch, pullers, hydraulic press, large wrenches, are some of the things that may be needed beyond a basic tool set. A power washer to wash the dirt and grease off your tractor is another great tool.

8. What paint should you use?

There are many levels of paint quality on the market. He says that paints costing \$30 to \$40 per gallon at the farm supply store may lack UV protection and will crack and fade, while automotive paints from DuPont and PPG can range up to \$400 a gallon. "The paints available from local implement dealers are good paints. Slow drying, but that can be speeded up by adding hardener. Use paint from the tractor dealers if available, but any paint will give a good finish if properly applied. It is best to finish all paint jobs with a coat of clear. Expensive paints are a two-part urethane, and by using the cheaper enamel and finish with a top coat of clear coat.

9. Is your goal to restore or rehab?

Do you want your tractor to just run well, look good from 25 feet away, or look perfect up close? High quality sheet metal work is important if you are restoring a fine quality show tractor. Be ready to pay for a show ready tractor. If you don't have the room to paint your restoration, then you can have a body shop do the work for you. But be prepared as most will only paint the tin. It will be up to you to get the rest of the tractor painted.

10. Where can you find a mentor?

There are numerous members within the KTC that would be more than happy to offer their words of wisdom. Look at the Kansas Tractor club calendar and head to a tractor show near you to ask questions and get advice and see tractors that have been restored. You will be able to see what you are getting into with your restoration. The final result will be worth every minute and penny when you take your tractor to your first tractor show and you will be the expert offering advice to the novice.

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news and upcoming events.**

**Next newsletter publication will be
mailed June 2016.**

**If you would like to submit a story and/
or pictures for the KTC newsletter,
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