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DUANE "SPIKE" SPIEKER - JULY 13, 1932 - JUNE 24, 2013

## From the Desk of the Club President:

These are exciting times for the club as we go through the summer months and all of the activities that are a part of it. We still have a few members who haven't realized it is 2013 yet --- hopefully they will help support the club when they figure out how much fun the club is having. At the present time the membership stands at 96 so we have a ways to go. Our June 2nd meeting at the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame included a picnic (pot luck) on a great day that seemed to go over very well. Agenda items included: Tractor Daze / Touch-A-Truck with Swap Meet, postmortem of the Ag. Hall Tractor Cruise, American Royal Parade, Missouri State Fair Parade, Raffle (fundraiser) and the November meeting place. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at one event or another during the coming months.

*Don Hrabik*

**P.S.** I am a little bit at a loss of words this Newsletter with the loss of my good friend "Spike".



## 2013 Club Officers

The recently elected club officers were installed at the February 2013 meeting. Thank you to all of the officers for agreeing to take on this challenge. Listed below is the list of officers for 2013:

President:	Don Hrabik	1st Vice President:	Wes Storm
2nd Vice President:	Joe Meyer	3rd Vice President:	Bob Antes
Treasurer:	Jay Pruett	Secretary:	Justin Read

Note : Glenn Ratzlaff is the club historian. If anyone has any pictures of club activities, please send them to Glenn (1702 S Pollard Ave, Independence, MO 64055-1852). You will need to write on the back of the picture who is in the picture and what the activity is. His email address is [gnlratz@comcast.net](mailto:gnlratz@comcast.net) if you would like to send the pictures via email. Please give him a call in advance so he won't accidentally erase it 816/252-4063.

## Dues for 2013

Speaking of club dues, they are \$25 a year and worth every penny. The award winning newsletter every two months and the great activities make it a real value. Please check the mailing label on your newsletter. If the label says "Paid Member 2012" or earlier at the top, then you will need to pay your 2013 dues to be current. If the mailing label is not correct please let the president know (913/262-5904). Send dues to:

Jay Pruett - Treasurer  
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Shawnee, Kansas 66203

**Trivia:** The old Velie car plant turned into what John Deere plant when both Velie's died? (See back cover - page 10)

## Club Website and Newsletter

The club website <http://www.gkctcc.com/> counter was reset in July of 2012 (it currently reads over 2400 visits). Webmaster John Didde and Secretary Justin Read continue to do a great job of putting it together and keeping it up to date. The web site gives our club world wide recognition along with reaching prospective members. We are looking for member stories for future issues of the newsletter. If you have any, please contact Secretary Justin Read at 10219 Forest Ave., Kansas City, MO 64131, 816-943-1090 email: [onsitetechn@mac.com](mailto:onsitetechn@mac.com)

### Tractor Daze / Touch-A-Truck -- July 12-13, 2013

Tractor Daze / Touch A Truck with Swap Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 12-13 at the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS. The Swap Meet is scheduled for setup on Friday morning and then being open from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Other displays can be set up at this time or early Saturday morning. All displays and activities are scheduled for Saturday from 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Our club is planning a day of tractor related activities on Saturday that will include: a small engine display, a tractor display, a garden tractor pull, two pedal tractor pulls, a parade of power and tractor games. The Ag. Hall will have many displays and activities related to agriculture. The Ag. Hall will also be sponsoring a Mud Run on Saturday starting at 5:00 p.m. This event was quite successful last year. A lot of help will be needed to make it a fun time for all.

### Missouri State Fair Parade -- August 8, 2013, 6 PM

The Missouri State Fair Parade will be held Thursday, August 8, 2013 starting at 6:00 p.m. The last few years we have been convoying from the weight station on highway 50 in Lone Jack, MO leaving at 3:00 p.m. Unloading and loading area will be the same as last year (50 Highway and State Avenue). The past few years we arrived around 4:00 p.m. which is plenty of time for unloading and line up (4:30 p.m.) This is a fun parade because of a lot of spectators. Come join the streak of "GREEN".

### American Royal Parade -- September 28, 2013, 10 AM

The American Royal Parade in Kansas City, MO will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. During our last club meeting in June it was discussed that we would use the same flags as last year since they aren't dated. It is anticipated we will use the "OTHER DEARS" banner again this year. The theme this year will be honoring the military again so the club agreed to use the Military Jeep as the lead vehicle. The parade will start at Union Station and go through the Power and Light District. We plan to have a trailer gate party again following the parade. It is anticipated we will use the same parking area (American Royal Building) as last year. Hope to see you there. Remember to wear your 2013 Ag Hall sweatshirt or military colors for this.

## Past Event News

### June Meeting and Picnic -- June 2, 2013

The club had the 3rd meeting of the year on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at the Ag Hall of Fame. This was the meeting with a picnic (1:00 p.m.) and a meeting (2:00 p.m.). Thirty people came out on a nice day to enjoy the food and hospitality. Following the picnic a number of topics were discussed in the meeting. Minutes from the April meeting were approved, Jay Pruett provided a financial report, Tractor Cruise post-mortem and Tractor Daze / Touch a Truck with Swap Meet (July 12, 13) were discussed. Three important points during the discussion included the following: (1) 2014 Tractor Cruise, (2) Missouri State Fair Parade and American Royal Parade, (3) Volunteer "WORK DAY" (July 6, 9:00 a.m.) was established at the Ag Hall to help as needed to make the museum presentable for the July 12-13 event. A number of members present at the meeting expressed an interest in helping with the project. If you are available, please give the President a call (913/262-5904). Thanks to everyone for coming and enjoying the day.

### Club Shirts: Interested in ordering a club shirt?

Call Don Hrabik at 913-262-5904 (Tax included.)

#### Shirt w/o pocket:

S-XL = \$15.00, XXL = \$17.00, XXXL = \$18.00

#### Sweatshirt with hood (without name):

S-XL = \$23.00, XXL = \$24.00

#### Sweatshirt with hood and name:

S-XL = \$28.00, XXL = \$29.00





## Old Shawnee Days Parade - June 8, 2013

A group of Missouri club members joined together with a few of the Kansas members to help celebrate Old Shawnee Days by participating in the parade on Saturday, June 8. The weather was great and many turned out for the occasion. Members participating in the parade included: Jay Pruett, Wes Storm, Phil Addison, Dan Hanna, Glenn Ratzlaff, Bob Antes, John Peterson, Jim Arnote and Ronald Brittain. The president and his wife were riding in their Willy's Army Jeep. Thanks to everyone for coming out and enjoying the day.



## Duane "Spike" Spieker Memorial July 13, 1932 -- June 24, 2013

One of our very own, Duane "Spike" Spieker, passed away on Monday, June 24th, 2013 due to failing health. A rosary / visitation was held in Shawnee, KS at Amos Funeral Home on Thursday, June 27th in the evening with a funeral being held on Friday June 28th, 10 AM, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

Many people were at the visitation, with the line of friends extending out into the parking lot. That is a real example when so many come to see a great man. Amen. The cover of the July - August Newsletter is dedicated to "Spike".

*Don't Think of him as Gone Away  
his journey's just begun,  
Life holds so many facets-  
this earth is only one.*

*Just think of him as resting  
from the sorrows and the tears  
in a place of warmth and comfort  
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how he must be wishing  
that we could know today  
how nothing but our sadness  
can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living  
in the hearts of those he touched...  
for nothing loved is ever lost-  
and he was loved so much.*

*Ellen Brenneman*



## 2013 Schedule of Events - Approved at the April 7, 2013 meeting.

(All dates and events are subject to change. Call contact for verification if necessary.) (Club Meetings are in Bold)

Date	Location	Event Contact#
Feb. 22-24	K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, 913-262-5904	
March 16	Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Pats Day Parade, Jay Pruett 913-302-1273	
March 22-23	Western MO. Antique Spring Swap Meet. Adrian, MO. 660-679-4703	
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Merriam, KS. GKCTCC Meeting &amp; BBQ, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow)</b>	
April 26-27	Lathrop, MO. Swap Meet, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. J. Plowman 816-528-3511	
May 4	Bonner Springs, KS. Ag. Hall Tractor Cruise, 913-262-5904	
May 10-11	Fort Scott, KS., Hvst. Fiesta Swap Meet 8 a.m. A. Warren 620-224-7761	
May 10-12	Boonville, MO. Swap Meet & Tractor Pull 660-882-8473	
May 31 - June 2	Louisburg, KS. Antique Tractor & Gas Engine Show, Lewis & Young Park	
<b>June 2</b>	<b>GKCTCC Meeting/Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag. Hall of Fame 913-262-5904</b>	
June 7-9	Lee's Summit, MO. Downtown Days	
June 8	Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade 10 AM 913 262-5904	
June 13	Lathrop, MO. Tractor Cruise, 8:30 a.m. J. Plowman 816-528-3511	
June 13-16	Lathrop, MO. Antique Car, Tractor & Engine Show 816-528-3511	
June 21-23	Adrian, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam and Engine Show 816-626-3770	
June 29	Heart of America Tractor Cruise, Kathy Roach (816-244-1785)	
June 29	Oskaloosa, KS. Old Settlers Parade Matt Miller 785-233-8200 x4208	
July 4	Lenexa KS. Lenexa Parade 913-262-5904	
July 4	Sugar Creek, MO. Sugar Creek Parade 816-252-4063	
July 2	Pilot Grover, MO. Antique Tractor Pull Miles Wolf 660-834-5133	
July 12-13	Bonner Springs, KS. Swap Meet and Tractor Show GKCTCC, "Tractor Daze" & Touch-A-Truck 913-262-5904	
July 16-21	P. Hill, MO. Cass County Fair (Parade Saturday) 816-540-2622	
July 19-21	Meriden, KS. Threshing Show 785-876-3030	
July 25-27	Macon, MO. 33rd Antique Tractor Show Danny Primm 660-385-3639	
July 20	Eudora, KS. Tractor Show (2-5 p.m.) and Parade (6:30 p.m.) 785-542-1606	
July 21	Hardin, MO. Antique tractor Pull 660-398-4508	
Aug. 9-11	Overbrook, KS. Parade (Aug. 9-6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 8-6:00 p.m.) 816-228-2660	
Aug. 6	Atchison, KS. Atchison County Fair/Parade, 816-229-9998	
Aug. 8-18	Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair antique & classic tractor pull (2 sleds) Parade Thursday, Aug. 8 (Evening)	
Aug. 9-11	Tracy, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show 816-858-5826	
Aug. 11	Gardner, KS. Johnson County Fair & Parade 10:30	
Aug. 15-18	Hamilton, MO. Antique tractor Pull and Show 816-583-4823	
Aug. 17-18	Lamar, MO. Parade, Show, etc.	
Aug. 18-19	Hale, MO. Antique tractor Pull 660-565-2908	
Aug. 24	Cole Camp, MO. Antique Tractor Pull, 660-723-6241, 316-201-8620	
Aug. 24-25	Bethany, MO. Antique tractor Show 660-439-2485	
Aug. 30-31	Louisburg, KS. Truck and Tractor Pull	
Sept. 5-8	Booneville, MO. Antique tractor Show 847-526-7318	
Sept. 6-7	Pleasant Hill, MO. Railroad Days 816-987-2595	
Sept. 7	Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade 913-262-5904	
Sept. 12-15	Shelbina, MO. JD Antique tractor Show 660-676-0256 and 573-439-5583	
Sept. 13-15	Ottawa, KS. Antique tractor & engine Show 785-242-2686	
Sept. 13-14	Belton, MO. Heritage Days, Tractor Display, Bob Surber (816)797-4243	
Sept. 14	Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO. 816-228-2660	
Sept. 20-22	Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise (Fri.) Parade and Tractor Show (Sat.) and Car show (Sun.) 660-748-4438	
Sept. 20-22	Chilhowee, MO. Antique Tractor Show 660-647-5876	
Sept. 20-22	McLouth, KS. Threshing Bee 913-683-9234	
Sept. 20-22	Harrisonville, MO. Living History Festival Parade (Sat) 816-887-2393	
Sept. 21	Buckner, MO. Parade (816) 228-9292	
Sept. 21	Archie, MO. Fall Festival and Parade (10 AM)	
Sept. 26-28	Cole Camp, MO. Fall Tractor Show w/ Tr. Pull, Sept. 28, 660-438-0928	
Sept. 27-28	Marshall, MO. Antique Tractor Show 660-837-3422	
Sept. 27-29	Fort Scott, KS. Pioneer Harvest Fiesta 57th Annual Show (620/224-7761)	
Sept. 28	Kansas City, MO. American Royal Parade 9:45 a.m. 816-322-2546	
Sept. 28-29	Meriden, KS. Fall Show 785-876-3030	
Oct. 4-6	Powell Gardens Tractor Show 816-524-6783 <a href="http://www.powellgardens.org">http://www.powellgardens.org</a>	
Oct. 5	Abilene, KS. Tractor Show w/Parade of Power 913-381-5661	
Oct. 11-12	Adrian, MO. Swap Meet 660-679-4703 and 816-529-7138	
Oct. 11-12	Salina, KS. Antique tractor Show 785-825-8473	
Oct. 11-13	Lathrop, MO. Living History Show, 816-528-3511 and 816-896-5546	
Oct. 12-13	COR Fall Festival Hayrack Ride (Jay Pruett) 913-302-1273	
Oct. 12	Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade, 913-486-5534	
Oct. 26	Independence, MO. Halloween Parade (Glenn Ratzlaff) 816-252-4063	
Oct. 25-27	Wichita, KS. Antique tractor Pull & Swap Meet 316-541-2570	
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>Richmond, KS. GKCTCC Meeting (Kenny Read) (785) 835-6167</b>	

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Meeting opened with the flag salute.

Thomas Cuehler was introduced as a prospective new member.

Cathi and Heather were introduced as guests from the Ag Hall.

The President thanked everyone for coming and bringing all the fine food for the 1:00 p.m. picnic with the meeting starting at 2:00 p.m.

Wes Storm moved the club approve the April meeting minutes as presented in the newsletter. Bary Porter seconded. Motion passed.

In old business, the club voted to get some large flags for the tractors. The club received nine flags with eight members purchasing a flag for \$115. The club paid for the other flag. If anyone wants to use it, contact the President.

Jay Pruett gave a financial report: \$7,710.97 in bank as of April. Spent \$3,068 on tractor cruise and brought in \$2,429 from the cruise. Came up \$619 in the hole but overall the club was only short \$360 from our budget. As a whole the club came out pretty well even though the weather was less than desirable. Justin Read moved to accept the financial report as presented. Joe Steineger seconded. Motion passed.

Jay Pruett, treasurer, kicked off the raffle at the June meeting. Tickets can be picked up today and others not in attendance will receive theirs in the mail. Tickets are \$1.00 a piece with a total of 20 tickets in an envelope. This activity is voluntary so you do not need to purchase them or sell them. Since the club is a 501(C)3 it is necessary to support some not-for-profit organizations and this is one way to help do it. The drawing will be Nov. 3, 2013 at Kenny Read's during the meeting and white elephant auction.

President Hrabik talked in general about Duane "Spike" Spieker and Frank Van Fleet regarding their health. All present club members were concerned about them and have them in their prayers.

The Ag Hall Tractor Cruise (Post Mortem), Cathi Hayner thanked everyone for coming or bringing in pledges. It looks like the cruise brought in around \$9,600 even though it was cold and rainy. Joe Steineger thanked 59 tractors for signing up with pledges even though 22 tractors made the cruise. This is the tractor cruise that everyone will remember. Everything went as well as could be expected because of the weather. Talked about next year (2014) and Joe Steineger will check with Kansas Speedway before deciding actual date. Justin Read mentioned some concerns regarding getting on the racetrack. Justin Read moved to have the tractor cruise for 2014 with the date to be determined by Nov. meeting. Bryce York seconded. Motion passed. The Ag Hall has a tentatively scheduled of the Tractor Cruise for May 3, 2014.

What vehicles should be allowed on the tractor cruise were discussed. Bob Surber pointed out if it is a tractor cruise, then it should be "tractors only". Joe Steineger in the past said "\$35 is \$35". Jay Pruett mentioned if you want to let other types of vehicles in then have them get pledges totaling \$200. Bob Surber mentioned the speed of the different vehicles as a concern. This discussion was tabled until the November meeting. There were also some questions regarding the number of tractors in the cruise --- the weather had a lot to do with it. A lot of people waited to see what the weather was going to do. As a thought the President suggested the cruise sweatshirts be worn at the American Royals parade since the theme this year again is honoring the military.

Tractor Daze / Touch-A-Truck with Swap Meet was discussed in general. Phil Larson with "Old Yeller" will be coming for the garden tractor pull. Cathi talked about the different activities the Ag Hall is planning. Other activities the club will participate in include: (1) Tractor display, (2) Tractor games, (3) Parade of power, and (4) Two pedal tractor pulls. Swap meet participants may be a little sparse this year because many of the large vendors were already scheduled on that weekend. Hopefully there will be a few this year and grow from there. Pole barn will be used for swap meet - \$25.00 for 10 x 10 ft. space. Wes Storm suggested maybe the club could schedule a workday or two at the Ag Hall to do things at Cathi's discretion to help with the equipment to make it more presentable. It appeared many in the club were interested. Justin Read moved June 15 and July 6 (9:00 a.m.) be scheduled for workday at the Ag Hall. Wes Storm seconded. Motion passed.

Jean DuBois talked about shirts and asked if someone else would take over her job. The club thanked Jean for all her work in past years.

Several members talked about "green tractors only" for the Missouri State Fair and the American Royal Parade to be consistent with the tractors only theme at the tractor cruise, that will be determined in the November meeting as well. Since the American Royal Parade theme this year again is honoring the military, Bill Eagleburger asked if the club wanted to use the President's jeep as a lead vehicle. Wes Storm moved the club use the jeep in the American Royal Parade. Phil Addison seconded. Motion passed.

Door prizes were won by: Joe Steineger, Kay Cummings and Bob Surber. Bryce York moved to close the meeting. Charles Eagleburger seconded. Motion passed.

President Hrabik thanked everyone for coming.

3:10 p.m.





# Touch-A-Truck Tractor Daze Swap Meet and



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## Antique Tractor Exhibition

Friday - Saturday, July 12-13, 2013

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Friday 12 Noon - 6 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 4 PM

*Parade  
of Power  
Saturday 12 Noon*

*Garden  
Tractor Pull  
Saturday 1 PM*

### Greater KC Two-Cylinder Club Sponsored Event Schedule FRIDAY:

12 Noon Swap Meet

1 PM Tractor & Equipment Display

### SATURDAY:

9 AM Swap Meet

9 AM Truck, Tractor, & Equipment Display

11 AM Kiddie Pedal Pull

12 Noon Parade of Power

1 PM Garden Tractor Pull

2 PM Tractor Games

3 PM Kiddie Pedal Pull

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## 2013 (mini) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

(All dates and events are subject to change. Contact the President for verification.)

Date	City	Event	More Info
July 12-13	Bonner Springs, KS	Tractor Daze / Touch-A-Truck	(National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame)
August 8	Sedalia, MO	Missouri State Fair Parade	
September 28	Kansas City, MO	American Royal Parade	

### Trivia Answer:

The Velie Motor Vehicle Company was founded by and named for Willard Velie, a maternal grandson of John Deere. Willard Velie died in October 1928, and his son, Willard, Jr., proved unable to keep both the Velie automobile and airplane companies afloat, dropping the car in November of 1928. The factory in Moline reverted to Deere and Co. The Velie car plant would later become the Planter Works factory where John Deere planters, box-drills, and air-seeders were made. The Velie building has since been replaced and Deere and Co. consolidated manufacturing into a state-of-the-art plant spanning 20 acres under one roof.



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