# **GREATER KANSAS CITY TWO-CYLINDER CLUB**

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NOVEMBER 2018 GKCTCC MEETING SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

#### From the Desk of the Club President:

As your President I want to be the first to say Happy New Year from the Greater Kansas City Two-Cylinder Club! With another year behind us... I would like to thank last year's Directors (Jon, Joe, Lloyd, Jay, Don, Wes, and Bill).

As I am writing this, we just finished our first Board Meeting of 2019. We have a lot of great activities planned for this year and I look forward to being here to see everyone through the year. We already have a lot of activities coming up quickly on the calendar, February 10th meeting, Western Farm Show February 22-24, and the Shawnee St Patrick's Day Parade and Special Olympics Event March 10th. I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the year at our events and at the membership meetings.



Justin Read

#### 2019 Club Officers

Listed below is the current elected officers for 2019:

President:Justin Read1st Vice President:Jon Pirie2nd Vice President:Joe Meyer3rd Vice President:Lloyd MesmerTreasurer:Jay PruettSecretary:Justin Mooney

Historian: Wes Storm

Note: Wes Storm is our Historian and Trustee. If you have pictures of any club activities please send them to him at 1808 SW Bird Ct., Blue Springs, MO 64015-5314 or waleye01@att.net. It is important to put specifics regarding the event in with the pictures (Event, Date, People Present, and a Short Description).

#### Dues for 2019

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 2018" or earlier at the top, then you will want to pay your 2019 dues soon to not miss anything (the cut-off date is the May-June Newsletter mailing). If the mailing label is not correct please let the Treasurer know (913-302-1273 or jay70nc@yahoo.com). We will be collecting dues throughout the year. If you can't be at the meeting you can send your dues (\$25) to Jay Pruett as listed below.:

Jay Pruett - Treasurer GKC Two-Cylinder Club P.O. Box 14071 Lenexa, Kansas 66285

**Trivia:** What was the name given to the Waterloo Boy tractor when it was sold in Great Britain? See Page 8 for the answer.

## **Club Website and Newsletter**

The club website <a href="http://www.gkctcc.com/">http://www.gkctcc.com/</a> counter was reset in July of 2012 (it currently reads around 16,000 visits). The Webmaster(s) 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. Checkout the articles, pictures, and more. We are looking for member stories for future issues of the newsletter. If you have any, please contact Secretary Justin Mooney at 2401 Queen Ridge Dr. Independence, MO 64055, 816-868-2318 email: GKCTCC@outlook.com"

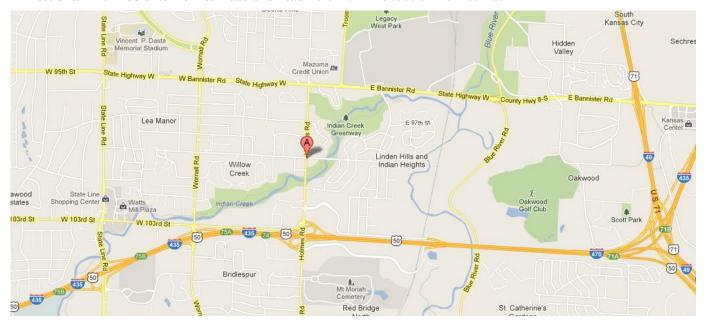
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# Upcoming Event News

# February GKCTCC Meeting -- February 10, 2019, 1 PM

The first scheduled meeting for the year will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019, 1:00 p.m., at the Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, Kansas City, MO. (Additional parking is available across the street to the north of the building). During that time we plan to install a 2019 slate of officers as approved in the November 2018 meeting. Don will give a presentation on the 2019 Western Farm Show. The cruise committee will make a presentation on the tentative 8th annual Ag Hall Tractor Cruise that is preliminarily scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019. Discussion of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Heroes Pull (benefitting the Special Olympics of KS) event on March 10th, 2019. Other topics of discussion will include the 2019 budget, possible November meeting locations, a 2019 raffle as a fundraiser, and the Glenn Ratzlaff Scholarship.

#### Directions: Exit I-435 onto Holmes Road and head north 1/2 mile to 9901 Holmes Rd.



# Western Farm Show -- February 22-24, 2019

The Western Farm Show is scheduled for February 22-24, 2019 at the Governors Building; Kansas City MO. In our November 2018 meeting it was discussed about having a military theme using three tractors (BR, Club Tractor, and 520). As in the past we also plan to have a display of toys along with pictures and a video display. Since the show is scheduled for Friday thru Sunday we plan to bring the tractors in on Tuesday, February 19th, because the show wants the top floor to be in place early. Help will be needed to work in the booth, but that has never been a problem in the past. For more information contact Don Hrabik.



# Shawnee Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Heroes Pull -- March 10, 2019

The GKCTCC is planning to attend the Shawnee Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Heroes Pull again this year on Saturday, March 10th. Since all of the route details are not yet published, we are planning on the same event locations and times as last year. Parking trucks and trailers at the KCAS parking lot (north side of building) located at 12400 Shawnee Mission Pkwy (NE Corner of SMP and Long Ave). Due to continued construction on Neiman Road we anticipate the parade lineup starting point being Johnson Drive and Monrovia again. Upon conclusion of parade, we plan to park in the office parking lot of the First Baptist Church of Shawnee (East side), 11400 Johnson Drive to display tractors near the Heroes Pull. Parade lineup usually starts at 11:30 am, parade usually starts at 1:00 pm, and the Heroes Pull usually starts at 2:30 pm at Splash Cove, 5800 King Ave. Please check the GKCTCC website once we are closer to the event date to verify details. If you have questions about this event, please contact one of the following board members (all starting with J): Jon, Joe, Jay, or Justin.

#### **Independence Halloween Parade -- Oct. 29**

The 69th annual Independence Halloween Parade was held on a beautiful fall day. Twenty thousand plus smiling Kids, Parents, Grandparents and Dogs had a great time. The following brought their tractors to the event: Francis Brenner led the parade on his IH H, followed by Wes Steiger on a JD D, Wes Storm on a JD AR, Sharon Antes on a JD 430, Bob Antes and Addison on a JD 530, Gary Antes and Zac on a IH B, Lloyd Mesmer on a JD 620, and Tom Bowlin and Miss Whit on a JD B.

#### Plow Day 2018 -- Nov. 3rd, 2018

A plow day organized by Lloyd Mesmer was held on Nov. 3rd in Bonner Springs, KS. Thank you Lloyd for organizing the event.

## November Meeting -- Nov. 4th, 2018

The last club meeting of the year was held on Sunday, November 4th at Kenny Read's Farm in Richmond, KS. We had a good turn out for the November meeting (about 40 + people). Topics included highlights of the 2019 Western Farm Show booth, discussion of the possible 2019 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise, 2019 Shawnee St Patrick's Day and Heroes Pull Special Olympics Event, meeting locations for 2019, a new everything John Deere club "Classic Green" and their event June 13-15 at Grand Island, NE, 2019 budget committee, and 2019 Officers -- (President) Justin Read, (1st Vice President) Jon Pirie, (2nd Vice President) Joe Meyer, (3rd Vice President) Lloyd Mesmer, (Treasurer) Jay Pruett, and (Secretary) Justin Mooney. The raffle drawing was held with the winners being: Bobby Bonar (\$250), Steve Kellar (\$50), Ron Brittian (\$50), Tom Lynch (\$50), Leo Kurzweil (\$50), and Jim Arnote (\$50) who donated it back to the scholarship fund. Following the meeting a white elephant auction was held with Justin Read and Wes as Auctioneers. Many good items were available for the auction, which benefited the club. There was a scholarship award presentation: Cody Schlesener for 2018, Zack Gudenkauf (2017). Each scholarship recipient shared their schooling and work experience along with the importance of the scholarship. Thank you to the Read family for hosting the meeting.

#### Christmas Parade -- Dec. 1st, 2018

The Oak Grove Christmas Parade was held on December 1st at 5 PM. It was wet and not to cold, Tom Bowlin and Wes Storm were the only Club Members who attended the event. Being in a parade at night is quite different. There was a large turnout of young and old. There is a long story to tell about that night. Ask Wes or Tom about it sometime. Put it on your calendar for next year.

**More Details:** There were a lot more events in the past few months. Please check out www.GKCTCC.com

## Past Event News



Independence, MO-Halloween Parade



November Meeting—Read Farm



Oak Grove, MO—Christmas Parade

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Wanted / For Sale Ads: Club Members \$1/issue or \$5/year, Non-Members \$10/issue or \$50/year. (Save some money and become a member) Contact Justin Read to place an ad, 22715 W 50th St., Shawnee, KS 66226 (816) 547-8608 or email to:

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 = \$18.00Sweatshirt with hood (without name):

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**Display Ads -** Business Cards: Club Members \$10/issue or \$50/year, Non-Members \$20/issue or \$100/year (save some \$ and become a member). Contact Justin Mooney to place an ad, 2401 Queen Ridge Dr., Independence, MO 64055 (816) 868-2318 or email to: GKCTCC@outlook.com

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#### GKTCC Meeting Minutes November 4, 2018 — 2 PM Read Farm, Richmond, KS

President Read called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. New members and/or guests were introduced.

President Read asked for approval of June meeting minutes. Don Hrabik moved to accept them. Wes Storm seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Jay Pruett provided a financial report from June on. It Included expenditures, dues, donations, raffle funds and parade winnings leaving around \$8,300 in club account and \$1,700 in scholarship fund. Bryce York moved to accept the financial report, George Read seconded. Motion passed.

Jon Pirie mentioned the raffle ticket purchase is for the Glen Ratzlaff Scholarship Fund each year. The three Vice Presidents go through a formal process of selecting a scholarship recipient each year: Cody Schlesener for 2018, Zack Gudenkauf (2017). Each recipient shared their schooling and work experience along with the importance of the scholarship.

2019 meeting locations were discussed; Feb. 10, 2919 1;00 p.m. (Trailside Center), April 7, 2019, 1:00 p.m. (Joe Meyer), June 2, 2019, 1:00 p.m. (Ag Hall Center and Hall of Fame) and Nov.3, 2019, 2:00 p.m. (OPEN). Don Hrabik moved to accept meeting locations. Herman Sache seconded. Motion passed.

Western Farm Show is scheduled for February 22- 24, 2019 (Fri., Sat, Sun.) Set up will be on February 19, 2019 depending upon the weather. Theme and type of tractor display were discussed. Don discussed a good connection with the military parade and the Farm Show idea (Ag Hall/Thank A Veteran). The Club could use Paul Ante's tractor and other tractors in the show. (Thank a Veteran Theme) will be in the Leavenworth Parade on Monday November 11, 10:30 p.m. Regarding a tractor button for 2019, it could also use the military theme. Wes Storm moved to accept the concept. Don Hrabik seconded. Motion passed.

Veteran Flag Raising at the Ag. Hall on November 16, 2018, 7:00 a.m. (Sunrise) was discussed. It will include many soldiers from all over. Plan to be there early.

The Santa Express Program and a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Ag Hall were discussed. Santa Express is on Dec. 8-9 (Sat. 10-4) (Sun. Noon-4). They will need some tractor drivers. The dinner is on November 7, to thank the many volunteers at the Ag Hall.

The McClouth Tractor Show for 2019 was mentioned because it will feature John Deere and they would like our club to participate. Rick Stit mentioned via Don Hrabik that they could provide a space for a club meeting if needed. Since our November meeting date is open, he will check it out and report back at the February meeting. (Update: location is not heated and not suitable for the November meeting.)

A 2019 budget committee was established that includes: Don Hrabik, Bryce York and Wes Storm along with the club officers. The meeting will take place in the near future (Jan 15th) at the Don Hrabik's home, 6206 Craig St., Merriam, KS.

President Read presented a slate of officers for 2019 (same as in 2018) and asked for anyone else interested in a position. With no response, Don Hrabik moved to accept the same 2018 officers for 2019. Dalamar Read seconded. Motion passed. They will be installed at the February meeting.

The 2019 Ag Hall Tractor Cruise was discussed. After many years it has become difficult to establish a creative route. One idea that the group seemed to like was doing a reverse route as in the past with the route being shorter and ending sooner. The route would include the following: leave from the Ag. Hall -- morning break at Wyandotte Co Lake, Cabelas for lunch -- then back to the Ag. Hall (2:30 p.m.) for snacks and then home. Many members favored the idea. Frank VanFleet, Don Hrabik and Joe Steineger will work with a few more members to develop a plan and present it at the February meeting. It was suggested that the cruise day be May 4, 2019 which would not conflict with race day. The Ag Hall Cruise was decision was officially tabled until the February meeting.

President Read discussed the allotted donations for 2018. Following a long discussion, Bryce York moved \$250 to the Ag. Hall and Kenny Read moved \$250 to the Wounded Warriors Organization for a total of \$500. Wes Storm seconded both motions. Motions passed.

President Read mentioned he went to the John Deere 100 year celebration in June. There was a new organization called Classic Green that had their first meeting. It is not so much about tractors but people forming friendships and promoting local events. Memberships are \$25 and available only online. There will be a Classic Green Reunion (Show), June 13-15, 2019 at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE.

President Read mentioned our club is moving toward being Tech savy so it will be important to have member Emails if possible. Dalamar Read moved to close the meeting. Don Hrabik seconded. Motion pasted.

Door prize winners were Herman Sache, John Pirie, Janice Hrabik and Don Kerby. The Scholarship Raffle drawing was held following the meeting: \$250 Bobby Bonar, \$50 Winners: Steve Kellar, Ron Brittain, Tom Lynch, Jim Arnote, and Leo Kurzweil The fundraising white elephant auction followed the Raffle, with many treats being consumed in the process.

# 2019 Schedule of Events - To be approved at the April 7th, 2019 meeting.

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

Location Event Contact# K.C., MO. GKCTCC Meeting (Trailside Center) 9901 Holmes Rd. 816-547-8608 1 PM Feb. 10 Feb. 22-24 K.C., MO. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, (Setup Day Feb. 19) 913-262-5904 March 10 Shawnee, KS. Shawnee St. Patrick's Day Parade 1 PM (Joe Meyer) April 7 Merriam, KS. GKCTCC Meeting & BBQ, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow) Bonner Springs, KS. Barnyard Babies Festival at the Ag Hall of Fame (10 AM-4PM) 913-262-5904 April 27 Pleasant Hill, MO. Railroad Days. 816-987-2595 April 26-28 Lathrop, MO. Swap Meet, (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). J. Plowman 816-528-3511 May 3-5

May 4 Bonner Springs, KS. Ag Hall Tractor Cruise. 913-262-5904

May 10-11 Fort Scott, KS., Pioneer Harvest Fiesta Swap Meet (8 a.m.). A. Warren 620-224-7761

June 1-2 Lee's Summit, MO. Downtown Days

June 20-22

 June 1
 Shawnee, KS. Old Shawnee Days Parade. (10 AM) Jay Pruett 913-302-1273

 June 2
 GKCTCC Meeting and Picnic, 1:00 p.m., Ag Hall Red Barn 816-228-2660

 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. Bob Surber 816-797-4243
June 22-23 Rockville, IN. Parke County Covered Bridge Tractor Ride. 765-569-1619

Oskaloosa, KS. Old Settlers Parade. Matt Miller 785-233-8200 x4208

July 7Heart of America Tractor Cruise. Kathy Roach 816-244-1785July 7Pilot Grover, MO. Antique Tractor Pull. Miles Wolf 660-834-5133July 4Lenexa KS. Community Days Parade. (10:00 a.m.) Jay Pruett 913-302-1273July 4Sugar Creek, MO. Sugar Creek Parade. (9:00 a.m.) Francis Brenner 816-804-5271

July 4 Basehor, KS. Independence Day Celebration Parade (Line-up 6:45). Melissa Bosley 816-868-3931

July 6 Harrisonville, MO. Tractor Show on the Square. Scott Beck 816-645-8480

July 9-14 P. Hill, MO. Cass County Fair. (Parade Saturday) 816-540-2622

 July 12-14
 Meriden, KS. Threshing Show. 785-876-3030

 July 13
 Hardin, MO. Antique Tractor Pull. 660-398-4508

July 20 Buchanan County, MO. MO Farm Bureau Tractor Cruise. (8 am) 816-279-2985

https://www.mofb.org/FoundationforAg.aspx

July 23 Tonganoxie, KS. Leavenworth County Fair Parade. Ron Brittain 816-804-2673
July 25-28 Macon, MO. 34th Antique Tractor Show. Danny Primm 660-385-3639

Aug. 3 Eudora, KS. Tractor Show. (2-5 p.m.) and Parade (6:30 p.m.) 785-542-1606 or 785-760-7878

Aug. 3 Kingsville MO. Tractor Cruise. 816-258-2373 Aug. 3 Gardner, KS. Johnson County Fair & Parade. (10:30)

Aug. 7-10 Overbrook, KS. Fair Parade. (Aug. 9 @ 6:30 p.m.) (Aug. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.) Wes 816-228-2660

Aug. 8-11 Hamilton, MO. Antique Tractor Pull and Show. 816-583-4823 Aug. 9 Atchison, KS. Atchison County Fair Parade. 816-229-9998

Aug. 9-11 Tracy, MO. Antique Tractor, Steam & Gas Engine Show. 816-858-5826

Aug. 10-11 Lamar, MO. Parade and Show.

Aug. 14 Sedalia, MO. Missouri State Fair Tractor Show and Parade. (Fair runs Aug. 10-20)

Aug. 17 Cole Camp, MO. Antique Tractor Pull. 660-723-6241, 316-201-8620

Aug. 17-18 Bethany, MO. Antique Tractor Show. 660-439-2485

Aug. 23-25 Fort Scott, KS. Pioneer Harvest Fiesta 60th Annual Show. Parade 25th @ 6 p.m.

Aug. 30-Sept. 1Louisburg, KS. Truck and Tractor Pull. 816-694-0267Sept. 5-8Boonville, MO. Antique Tractor Show. (Cruise on 9th) 847-526-7318Sept. 5-8Shelbina, MO. Antique Tractor Show. 660-676-0256 and 573-439-5583

Sept. 6-8 Ottawa, KS. Antique Tractor & Engine Show. 785-418-2190
Sept. 7 Olathe, KS. Old Settlers Day Parade. Don 913-262-5904
Sept. 13-15 Princeton, MO. Calamity Jane Weekend-Tractor Cruise. (Fri.)
Parade and Tractor Show. (Sat.) Car Show. (Sun.) 660-748-4438

Sept. 13-15 McLouth, KS. Threshing Bee. 913-683-9234

Sept. 13-15 Harrisonville, MO. Living History Festival Parade. (Sat) 816-887-2393

Sept. 14 Archie, MO. Fall Festival and Parade. (10 AM)

Sept. 14 Blue Springs Parade, Blue Springs, MO. Wes 816-228-2660

Sept. 20-22 Cole Camp, MO. Fall Tractor Show. Tractor Pull Sept. 24. 660-438-0928 Sept. 19-22 Fredonia, KS. Antique Tractor Show. Tractor Pull Sept. 24. 660-378-3307

Sept. 20-21 Marshall, MO. Antique Tractor Show. 660-837-3422
Sept. 20-22 Chilhowee, MO. Antique Tractor Show. 660-647-5876

 Sept. 21
 Buckner, MO. Parade. 816-650-6507

 Sept. 21-22
 Meriden, KS. Fall Show. 785-876-3030

 Oct. 1
 Abilene, KS. Tractor Show w/Parade of Power. 913-381-5661

 Oct. 4-6
 Lathrop, MO. Living History Show. 816-528-3511 and 816-896-5546

Oct. 4-5 Adrian, MO. Swap Meet. Bob Surber 816-797-4243

 Oct. 7-9
 Lake JaCoMo, 1855 Missouri Town - Tractor Display. Wes 816-228-2660

 Oct. 19
 Baldwin City, KS. Maple Leaf Festival and Parade. 913-486-5534

 Oct. 18-19
 Powell Gardens Glow Night. 816-524-6783 http:www.powellgardens.org

 Oct. 26
 Independence, MO. Halloween Parade. Francis Brenner 816-804-5271

Nov. 2 Bonner Springs, Fall Plow Day. Lloyd Mesmer 913-441-1180

Nov. 3 GKCTCC Meeting and White Elephant Auction (Hosted Needed) Call 816-547-8608 Justin

Dec. 7 Oak Grove, MO. Christmas Parade. Wes 816-228-2660



November Hosts—Kenny and Portia



November Meeting—Scholarship Awardees

#### 2019 (mini) SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: (All dates and events are subject to change. Contact the President for verification).

# February 10, 2019 February 22-24, 2019 April 7, 2019 GKCTCC Meeting, Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Rd., Kansas City, MO. 1:00 p.m. Western Farm Show, Governors Building, Kansas City, MO. 913-262-5904 (Setup Feb. 19th) GKCTCC Meeting/Barbecue, Joe Meyer (Overland Tow), Merriam, KS. 1:00 p.m.

Ag Hall Tractor Cruise, National Ag Hall of Fame, Bonner Springs, KS 913-262-5904

**Trivia Answer:** One of the first tractor companies in this country, with the name of The Waterloo Gasoline Traction Engine Co. – was started in 1893 in Waterloo, Iowa, to make John Froelich's tractor. Based on its 52-day threshing run in the fall of 1892, the Froelich machine is credited with being the first successful gasoline-powered traction engine. Froelich's first tractor may have been satisfactory, but his subsequent efforts were less so. According to one source, four tractors were built that first year and only two of those were sold, both to be returned as no good. John Froelich kept tinkering, but the other principals in the company prioritized the manufacture of Waterloo Boy stationary gas engines since they sold well. A tractor guy, Froelich left the firm, which subsequently changed its name to Waterloo Gasoline Co. and became quite successful with its line of stationary gas engines for farm use. Eventually, in 1911, Waterloo Gasoline Engine Co. *did* build a tractor, a 9,000-pound, 25 hp machine with a 4-cylinder, crossmounted engine and an exhaust-induced draft-cooling system similar to that used in many of its contemporaries. This model was available with standard rear drive wheels or with crawler tracks, in which case it was called the Waterloo Boy "Sure Grip, Never Slip" tractor. A lightweight (3,000 pounds) Model L (soon renamed the Model LA) was pro-

duced with a 15 hp, 2-cylinder, horizontally opposed engine. The opposed engine didn't work out, but the lightweight, 2-cylinder design seemed ideal, so by 1914 Louis B. Witry had designed a horizontal, 2-cylinder engine with side-by-side cylinders. The new tractor was designated the Waterloo Boy Model R and rated at 12 drawbar and 24 belt hp. It had a single speed forward and the same in reverse, and did away with the exhaust-induced cooling by substituting an automotive-type tubular radiator and fan. The **Overtime** was a rebadged version of the Waterloo Boy produced for the British market and sold by Harry Ferguson. It was this early experience that encouraged Ferguson to later produce his own tractors and so it could be said that this model is the ancestor of both the John Deere and Ferguson/Massey Ferguson tractor lines.

May 4, 2019



GKCTCC Club Founders and Charter Members, Bill Eagleburger and Ray Jones, passed away the same day (12/21/2018). Their contributions and fellowship will be greatly missed. The Club wishes condolences to their families and friends.





Bill Eagleburger—May 23, 1936 to December 21, 2018

Ray Jones — October 31, 1929 to December 21, 2018